

FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

October 9, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: **Robert Sprague**, *Chair*; **Renee Laegreid**, *Past-Chair*; **Ray Stuart Fertig III**, *Chair-elect*; **Vladimir Alvarado**, **Gregg Cawley**, **Tiger Robison** and **Rob Godby**, *Members-at-Large*. *Secretary Ahrenholtz was excused from the meeting.*

Guests: **Dr. Martha McCaughey** and **Professor Nevin Aiken**, *Co-chairs, Freedom of Expression, Intellectual Freedom, and Constructive Dialog Working Group*, **Mandy Jane Gifford**, *Chief of Staff to the Provost.*

Chair Robert Sprague called the meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) to order at 12:02 pm.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda for October 9; made, seconded and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 2; made, seconded and carried.

The Chair thanked the Co-Chairs of the Freedom of Expression Working Group, Dr. Martha McCaughey and Professor Nevin Aiken, for being present to speak with the Faculty Senate and the Executive Committee and remarked that he was appreciative that they would be discussing the implementation of the Working Group's findings and their report, which had been issued to the public. The Chair then yielded the floor to both Co-Chairs to speak on the report and the implementation process.

Co-Chair McCaughey emphasized that the report would not be implemented on a top-down basis and that the object of implementing the report was to work with the University community at large and that President Seidel was open to further discussion of the report, but that he had personally adopted the principles laid out in the report. Co-Chair McCaughey emphasized that she would be working as a liaison to work with the University at large, including, but not limited to, Faculty Senate.

Co-Chair McCaughey then asked the FSE if they would endorse the principles laid out in the report. Chair Sprague responded in the negative, stating that the FSE felt that the principles were too vague but that the Senate was open to recruiting members of the faculty to work on the implementation of the report. Chair Sprague expressed that the FSE was in favor of the implementation of the report being charged to a Faculty Senate Committee and subject to further discussion within that committee. The Committee discussed.

The Chair then moved on to the Chair's report. The Chair reported that the Fall Faculty Senate Speaker Series had been booked in the Union Family Room for November 7 at 4:10 PM and that Dr. Markley would be performing live music as part of his presentation and distributed flyers to the FSE with information to the same.

The Chair reported that he had charged the Academic Standards, Rights, and Responsibilities Committee to provide general recommendations and guidelines, rather than syllabus language, regarding students recording class lectures. in interplay with Wyoming's one-person consent recording law, and protecting instructor intellectual property in online classes. The Chair emphasized that the Committee had been directed to look at the history of the subject and that they would not be providing a report anytime soon.

The Chair updated the FSE on the Budget Planning Committee, and expressed that he would be open to dissolving it but that Alex Kean had expressed openness to work with the Committee alongside President Seidel's review of University budgeting procedure with the aim of moving away from incremental budgeting. The Chair expressed an openness to seeking out a Chair for the Committee from outside of the Committee's current membership, and asked the FSE for their opinions. The Committee discussed and expressed openness to the idea.

The Chair noted that Disability Services will be launching a new electronic system called Accessible Information Management (AIM) System and that he had provided a similar screenshot to the same, and he wanted to keep the FSE abreast of any changes that may affect Faculty.

The Chair then reported that the Ombudsperson had introduced a new conflict management proposal but wanted to give the FSE time to the proposal and stated that the proposal would be discussed at the next meeting.

The Chair then reported that he had received an invitation for UW to join the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics. He forwarded the invitation to Scott Chamberlin, UW's Faculty Athletics Advisor, who responded that he did not believe there was much value in joining the Coalition.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 PM. Made, seconded, and carried.