

**FACULTY SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

August 28, 2023

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**OFFICERS:** Robert Sprague, *Chair*; Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, *Secretary*; Renee Laegreid, *Past-Chair*; Ray Stuart Fertig III, *Chair-elect*; Tiger Robison and Gregg Cawley *Members-at-Large*.

**GUESTS:** Mandy J. Gifford, *Chief of Staff to the Provost*. Kyle Moore, *Vice Provost of Enrollment Management*.

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

The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda for August 28; made seconded and carried. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023; made seconded and carried.

The Chair reported that IT had created a faculty.senate@uwyo.edu email address to replace the older faculty senate email address that is no longer used. The Chair reported that the Faculty Senate Chair would now be present at the President Seidel's Cabinet meeting going forward. The Chair reported that Senior-Vice Provost Benham-Deals would be working with Chair Sprague, Past-Chair Laegreid, and Chair-Elect Fertig on changes to several SAPP's.

The Chair reported that he would be working with the Senior Vice Provost to follow up on the raise that faculty received. Members of the Committee expressed interest in receiving information on compression from those raises. The Chair reported that he would be reopening the call for nominees for the Faculty Senate Speaker Series as there had been previously only one nomination submitted. The Chair reported that he had initially considered removing himself from the SI2025 Committee but had asked Professor Dan Wall to be a point of contact on the Committee on behalf of Faculty Senate. The Chair yielded the floor to Past-Chair Laegreid to speak on the departing faculty project.

The Chair informed the Committee on the Strategic Enrollment Plan (SEP) plan and provided context on the SEP before yielding the floor to Kyle Moore, Vice Provost of Enrollment Management. Vice Provost Moore spoke on the current plan and asked for individual working groups to select priorities for review before an all-day meeting on September 6. Individual working groups would then begin their work after the meeting on September 6. The Committee discussed.

The Chair introduced the newest proposed changes to Regulation 9-1 University Intellectual Property from Vice Provost for Online and Continuing Education Matt Griswold. The Chair noted that under U.S law the employer usually owns the copyright in any works created by employees in their normal scope of employment. Under UW current regulation, the University transfers its copyright to faculty who create Academic Course Materials, unless they use “significant University resources” (e.g., laboratories, studios, specialized equipment, production facilities, or specialized computing resources) to create the materials; and where the University transfers its copyright to faculty, it retains a perpetual license to use the materials for academic purposes. The Chair noted that under VP Griswold’s proposed changes to the regulation. UW would transfer its copyright to faculty who create Academic Course Materials regardless of whether significant University resources are used. VP Griswold further offered to options: (1) the University retains a 1-year license to use the materials if significant resources were used to create them; or (2) the University retains a 1-year license to use the materials regardless of whether significant resources were used to create them. The Committee discussed.

The Chair spoke on the proposed Faculty Senate Agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting on September 11, as the Committee would not be meeting on Monday, September 4 due to Labor Day holiday and would be unable to approve the September 11 Faculty Senate Agenda at that time.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Agenda for the September 11 meeting of the Faculty Senate. Made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair yielded the floor to the Provost’s Chief of Staff, Mandy Jane Gifford, to speak on improving the degree certificate approval process with the aim of easing the burden placed on individual departments and increasing transparency during that process. The Committee discussed.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Committee at 1:18 PM. Made, seconded, and carried.