A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Ray Fertig at 3:16 pm on October 7, 2024, in the Family Room, University of Wyoming Union. Additional Faculty Senate members and guests were able to join via Zoom.

The Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz called the roll and a quorum was not met.

The Chair reported that on Thursday October 10th, from 2-3 PM in the Union family room there would be a Faculty Townhall with President Siedel.

The Chair reported that the administration had not provided him with answers regarding faculty research pages.

The Chair reported that the Board of Trustees had met during the. The Chair reported that the Budget Committee had reviewed a proposed phased retirement plan for faculty and decided not to take any action. The Chair reported that Vice Provosts Moore, Baldwin, and former Provost Carmen gave a presentation on enrollment that showed that while applications had increased, actual attendees had decreased. The Chair reported that the Board had discussed changes to gun control policy on campus and had directed the administration to draft changes to University Regulations accordingly.

The Chair reported that Senior Vice-Provost Tami Benham-Deal had been appointed to serve as acting Provost but that the administration was still soliciting applicants to serve as the interim provost.

The arrival of late Senators allowed for a quorum to be met.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda. Made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2024. Made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair called for ASUW reports. No ASUW Representative was present.

The Chair called for Staff Senate reports. Staff Senate Vice President Joseph Baker reported that Staff Senate was preparing for the third reading of their legislation regarding concealed carry on campus and noted that the majority of the staff were in favor of maintaining the current regulations at the University.

The Chair called for general announcements. No General announcements were made.

The Chair yielded the floor to Vice Provost Matt Griswold to discuss online enrollment efforts. Vice Provost Griswold thanked the Senate and stated that he had distributed information regarding online education to the Senate and via Zoom. Vice Provost Griswold stated that around

5,000 Wyoming residents were attending online institutions that were hosted outside the State of Wyoming. Vice Provost Griswold stated that simplicity in the teaching process would be most effective to encourage virtual enrollment growth.

Vice Provost Griswold stated that the University had an advantage over private schools due to the support programs that the University offers. Vice Provost Griswold highlighted that the University had 71 online programs already available to students from both in and out of the state and that he was seeking out new programs to create via feedback from faculty and department heads, with 90 requests already having been received.

Vice Provost Griswold stated that he was hopeful that revenue from online programs would also serve to increase in-person instructional capacity throughout campus. Vice Provost Griswold stated that the revenue for this would hopefully come from student fees. Vice Provost Griswold the broke down the demographics of the Wyoming residents that were attending online institutions hosted outside of the state.

Vice Provost Griswold then broke down the demographics of students that were attending online programs hosted by the University of Wyoming and their enrollment trends. Vice Provost Griswold highlighted that down to the third-grade level, students had become accustomed to online education during the pandemic and emphasized that he was seeking to make teaching online courses easier for faculty.

Vice Provost Griswold then compared the demographics of online students at the University of Wyoming to peer institutions and provided the Senate with the current marketing strategies in place at the University of Wyoming. Vice Provost Griswold then opened the floor to questions. The Senate discussed.

The Chair yielded the floor to Chair-elect Godby for discussion of University Enrollment Efforts. Chair-elect Godby noted that Vice Provost Moore's prior presentation to the Senate had highlighted six strategies for recruitment and retention. Chair-elect Godby reiterated those strategies and reviewed the projected growth or decline in enrollment that Vice Provost Moore had presented. Chair-elect Godby noted that faculty would not be best served, or best serving the University, by focusing on recruitment efforts. The Senate discussed. At length.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 467 in Support of Visiting Dignitaries SAP for discussion and vote. The Chair called for a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 468 in Support of Political Campaigns and Electioneering Activities on Campus SAP for discussion and vote. The Chair called for a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 469 in Support of Official University Communications SAP for discussion and vote. The Chair called for a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 470 in Support of Marketing Brand Standards and Printed Publications SAP for discussion and vote. The Chair called for a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 471 in Support of Modifications to University Regulations 1-1, 2-206, 3-1, 4-1, 4-2, 4-5, and 6-9 for introduction. The Senate discussed.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 472 in Support of Modifications to Standard Administrative Policies and Procedures on Limited English Proficiency Plan and Course Syllabus Requirements for introduction. The Senate discussed.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 PM; made, seconded, and carried.