

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

The University of Wyoming - Laramie, WY

Minutes of the meeting of Monday, December 2, 2024

A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming was called to order by Chairman Ray Fertig at 3:11pm on December 2nd, 2024, in the Family Room, University of Wyoming Union.

Chair made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded and carried.

Chair made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; seconded and carried.

Attendance: Roll was read, and a quorum is present.

Announcements: No announcements were made in session.

Reports:

1. Chair's Report: Faculty Senate Speaker Series, Brian Schuhmann "Wildfire & Snow" 12/3/2024 from 2:10 to 3pm.
2. Chair's Report: No committee reports to make.
3. Chair's Business: Enrollment report, and the shifting of burdens is being discussed and worked through. USP changes is being discussed today.

Discussion

1. USP Amendments & Commentary:
 - a. No amendments were emailed to the chair.
 - b. Amendments offered in session:
 - i. Sen. Clements moved – Offered an amendment to switch clauses on specific section on page 5 of USP proposed changes document. Motion was seconded by Sen. Cawley and carried.
 - ii. Sen. Clements moved – Would like a change to language on minimum grade level requirements to “restore minimum grade requirements across some, or an average grade overall of C, across all USP courses.” Multiple seconds, 1 opposed, motion carried.

- iii. Sen. Anderson moved – Desired to change section to read “absence of a minimum required grade reduces rigor”; motion seconded and carried.
 - iv. Sen. Cawley moved – to strike class size from FS recommendations. Seconded, several opposed, motion carried.
- c. Discussion over the USP changes was had
- i. Faculty Senate wants to remove experiential learning requirements from the proposed changes to the USP, unless specific concerns are addressed.
 - ii. “D” Component is ill-defined. Critical Thinking (C component) potentially rolled into the D (Digital Literacy) components.
 - iii. “E” component places a significant burden on individual departments, and unfair to students that lack uniformity of opportunity.
 - iv. Minimum Grade Requirements discussed
 - v. Section 5 - Should not include specific requirements for allocation of resources.

Vote

1. Resolution 479 – Sen. Cawley moves to approve the faculty senate’s response to USP Committee. 2 opposed, resolution carries.

Chair called for meeting to be adjourned at 4:55p; motion made, seconded, carried.