



Faculty Senate
Minutes
Monday January 27th, 2025

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:13pm on Monday January 27, 2025 in the Family Room of the University of Wyoming Union. Some Faculty Senate members and guests appeared via Zoom.

Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz called the roll and a quorum was present.

A motion was called to amend the agenda, to interim provost to be moved priority, and under the ombudsman move up as well; seconded, carried.

Motion to approve amended agenda; seconded, carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of 12/02/24; seconded, carried

Chairs Report

1. Meeting dates of Senate adjusted to include 2/10 & 2/24. No meeting on 3/3.
2. Faculty Town Hall with the President 2/26 4p – 5p
3. Faculty Senate representative on the parking committee retiring; replacement requested of the Senate in general. The committee adjudicates parking appeals. Parking Committee meets Wednesday's, every other week.
4. Board of Trustee Update
 - a. Interim Provost Turpen presented on the next gen USP at the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. A new member of the working group from LCCC has been included. The idea was floated for implementation of next-gen USPs implementation in 2027
 - b. School of Computing presented to the Trustees. 2-13 Process was advanced, and a tier 1 project report was ordered. Trustees approved the 2-13 process. 1.5-million-dollar renovation of the Crane Hall as a physical space for the School of Computing. Two Trustee members are rotating off the committee.
5. Michele Hilaire taking over the Next-Gen USP Committee.

Several questions were asked of the chair regarding committee membership, meeting times; Questions were answered.

Joe Baker attended from the Staff Senate and announced that Adam Comeau, current president will have their term end in July of 25. Jessie Gossinger has been elected as new President of Staff Senate.

No representative from ASUW was present to give a report.

Committee Reports



1. Grad Council Report – One of the standing committees of Faculty Senate, has the power to recommend policy changes that affect granting of graduate degree. Serves as the voting body of graduate faculty. Graduate council has heard an appeal for Nuclear Science certificate. Discussing the Bachelor of Applied Science degrees. Working with graduate students and the VP for graduate education to form a graduate student council. Proposals coming from HAUB school for various certificates. Changes being considered to the graduate student handbook.
2. Casey Frome – Chair of Faculty Rights and responsibilities. Whether or not to create an academic freedom policy, and advocate for the creation of a committee and how that policy should look like. Questions being considered: Why is the policy being formed and who is it designed to protect. Who has standing to bring a claim, who's going to be the judge, whether there is a formal or informal process. Currently, the committee is not considering the creation of a new committee to handle these types of situations. The committee has also been asked to look at faculty recruitment of students. 1128 Faculty, 91 have recruitment in the service category.

Meeting was then turned over to Interim Provost Scott Turpen for his presentation to Faculty Senate.

The provost discussed some of his qualifications for the position that he now carries. Provost Turpen brought up the importance of shared governance, and the necessity of receiving feedback from subordinates and stakeholders in the University. Provost Turpen spoke on the next-gen USP being proposed, and complimented Faculty Senate on their response to the working-groups initial response. Working group responses should be coming in February. Provost Turpen said that the programs will continue to move forward, highlighting the likely emergence of the next-gen USPs in Fall of '27.

Provost Turpen then spoke to the Senate about the various agencies involved in student recruitment and student retention, to improve student enrollment; fostering communication amongst the differing bodies involved can communicate effectively to improve student recruitment and retention. Faculty may be involved in greater efforts to drive student recruitment. Specific guidelines for faculty recruitment standards. Provost Turpen spoke of several programs that would be going through the 2-13 process; these programs are low producing. Deans recommended 9 programs for continuation, 10 for consolidation and 9 programs for elimination.

Provost Turpen then said he is looking forward to working with Faculty Senate and asked for questions. Several questions were posed by Senators.

Rob Godby then addressed the Senate, calling for volunteers for members-at-large, various committees, secretary, to bring awareness to the change of personnel after Godby takes office.

Introductions were then made to the Senate. The new Ombudsman Don Appiarus addressed the Senate, explaining some of the responsibilities of the Ombudsman position and the way it interacts with all members of the University of Wyoming community. Don spoke about his qualifications and his role on Campus. He then asked questions, received none and was thanked by the Senate for his attendance.



Head of the UW Foundation, John Stark, addressed the Senate to discuss the Capital Campaign. John discussed some of his qualifications and his educational and professional background. John Stark introduced Jill Heim. Jill Heim then spoke of her qualifications, educational and professional history. She helps lead development efforts for the University and leads the development team. Jon then spoke about a Comprehensive Campaign, meeting with advisory boards, staff senate, and the Trustees. Comprehensive Campaign was last used 20 years and changed fundraising at UW. Being discussed for reinstitution now to increase fundraising for the University, in accordance with the strategic planning directive in UW's Strategic Plan. Increasing training and engagement for Deans and dept. heads to be fundraising and highlighted the foundations due diligence in preparing for institute a comprehensive campaign for fundraising. Highlighted the significance of Giving Day in getting individuals involved in philanthropy. Benefits of the campaign include sharpened messaging, increasing unity, increasing size of and frequency of donations, as well as increasing its overall 'outreach' and visibility in the broader world. The campaign helps reset the 'bar' on the size and effect of donations. Four A's: Authentic to our University, Aspirational, Achievable, Alignment between internal and external stakeholders.

Jon Stark clarified that there has not been a goal established on total dollar contributions in the event of a Campaign being launched and highlighted the importance of the campaign being the University's, and not the Foundations. Plan for the campaign to be presented to the trustees this coming July. Various supporting mechanisms have been put into play, including hiring a consultancy group to help craft messages, target audiences, and perform internal and external testing. John Stark then opened his introduction to questions. Questions were posed and answered concerning dollar amounts and percentage increases in donations. UW's average donation was discussed, and the benefits of increasing donation base. Questions were asked about how and when Faculty Senate is to be involved in the campaign.

Chair Fertig then brought up Resolution 480, the proposed resolution for the license plate program; the proposed changes simplify and clarify the existing reg and allocates a 20% share of the revenues to the alumnus organization.

Chair Fertig discussed potential changes to SAPPs for consideration at the next Senate meeting.

Motion to adjourn made at 4:19p; seconded, carried.