

University of Wyoming at Laramie

FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES

March 25, 2024

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Robert Sprague at 3:11 pm on March 25, 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 met. The following Senators were not in attendance or represented by a proxy; Senators Boggs, Caulton, Griffiths, Hoberg, Kruger, Lake, Leotti, Marks, Mocsary, Nejadmalayeri, Okpodu, and Slater.

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

The Chair called for a motion to approve the March 4, 2024, Senate minutes; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported that Professor Brad Rettler would be giving his presentation for the Faculty Senate Speaker Series, *Money for the Marginalized*, at 4:10 p.m. in the Union Family Room and via Wyocast on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. The Chair reported that the presentation would discuss how bitcoin empowers individuals to elude the expanding reach and tightening grip of institutions both public and private. The Chair yielded the floor to Senator Rettler who gave brief remarks on the purpose of his presentation.

The Chair reminded the Senate that Staff Senate Recognition Day would be April 16, 2024, and that he had sent a reminder this morning with a link to sign up to volunteer to serve food.

The Chair called for the ASUW Report. No ASUW representatives were present.

The Chair called for Staff Senate Report. Staff Senate Senior Office Associate Christina McDonald thanked the Senate and reported that Staff Recognition Day would be April 16, 2024, and that there were a few volunteer slots available.

Senior Office Associate McDonald reported that Human Resources (HR) was implementing three new organizational models across campus, and that some staff were in support, but the overwhelming majority were against the new models. She reported that Administration and HR had failed to communicate who would be affected by the change and when or if they would have to move departments. Senior Office Associate McDonald reported that many Staff were concerned that this will result in a deep loss of institutional knowledge. She also reported that the Staff had held a town hall meeting with Associate Vice President of Human Resources Bob Link and that the recording was available on Wyocast before yielding the floor to questions. The Senate discussed.

The Chair called for the 2-13 SAPP Committee report. Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz reported that the 2-13 would be ready for public comment possibly within the next few weeks.

The Chair called for the Gen-Ed Committee report. Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz reported that the committee was reviewing the operationalizing process.

The Chair called for General announcements. Senator Wilhaus informed the Senate that the School of Nursing would be holding its research and scholarship day on April 10, 2024, from 8-10 AM.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 456 in Support of the Proposed Undergraduate Organizational Leadership Certificate for Discussion and Vote. The Chair called for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion made and seconded. Vice Provost Barrett informed the Senate that the program was coming from UW-Casper. The Senate discussed. The Chair called for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 457 in Support of the Proposed Undergraduate Agribusiness Leadership Certificate for Discussion and Vote. The Chair informed the Senate that the Resolution was also from UW-Casper before calling for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 458 in Support of the Proposed Undergraduate Health Leadership Certificate for Discussion and Vote. The Chair called for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion made and seconded. The Senate discussed and expressed concerns that the program did not provide sufficient business and management training. The Chair called for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion made, seconded, and carried. One Senator voted against the motion.

The Chair brought Resolution 459 in Support of the Proposed M.S. in Quantum Information Science & Engineering (QISE) forward for introduction. The Chair yielded the floor to Dean of the Graduate School James Ahern. Dean Ahern noted that there was a typo in the feasibility study before opening the floor to questions. The Senate discussed.

The Chair brought Resolution 460 in Support of the Proposed M.S. in Artificial Intelligence forward for introduction. The Senate discussed.

The Chair brought Resolution 461 in Support of the Proposed B. A. in European Languages, Literature, and Film Studies forward for introduction. The Chair yielded the floor to Dr. Joy Landeira to answer questions. The Senate discussed.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 PM; made, seconded, and carried.