

**Faculty Senate  
University of Wyoming**

Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting of  
06 February 2023

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Renee Laegreid at 3:20 p.m., on January 23, 2023, in the Family Room, University of Wyoming Union. Additional FS members and guests were able to join via Zoom.

The roll was called by Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, with the following senators not in attendance and not represented by official alternate or by proxy; Cain, Caulton, Clements, Coupal, Doering, Hoberg, Lake, McCoy, Merkle, Nejadmalajeri, and Nganga.

Chair Laegreid called for a motion to approve the agenda for February 6, 2023; a motion was made, seconded and carried. Chair Laegreid called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Laegreid started her Chair's report with a brief discussion of the WIP initiative and funding opportunities for UW. She announced that a Risk Assessment Survey is forthcoming, and has items that pertain to faculty. Regarding the Strategic Plan, aligning individual unit goals with the SP is a next priority. The Provost will be working on efficiencies in programs, looking in particular towards improving numbers in low producing programs, and limiting under enrolled courses.

The chair continued with information on ChatGPT. The ChatGPT group will be sending recommendations for syllabi and policies to the President this week. Chair Laegreid also discussed a new presidential advisory group/sounding board. Conflict of Interest Committee members are being sought for appointment by FS Exec. President Seidel is also seeking a working group to enhance UW communications with external stakeholders and partners.

There were no ASUW or Staff Senate Reports.

The Chair called for a report on the Higher Learning Commission Committee. As they will not meet until the middle of the month, there was nothing to report.

Steve Bialostok from the Parking Committee did not have much more to report since the previous meeting. The Ivinson parking garage remains behind schedule

RTP Committee member Thomas Grant indicated that a draft report had been sent to the Provost for review, but the committee has not heard back on the recommendations.

There was not a report from both the Science Initiative Executive and Salary and Compensation committees.

Vladimir Alvarado did not have an updated report on the Carnegie Task Initiative, but he did report on the Freedom of Expression committee. The large committee has had a first meeting and has agreed on principles, including those surrounding Academic Freedom.

Secretary Sprout Ahrenholtz said the 2-13 SAPP Committee would be meeting tomorrow to finalize their report and recommendations on the 2-13 SAPP.

Ashley Hope Carlisle, Statewide Engagement Committee, reported that they have not yet formally met.

Finally, Rick Fisher, reported that the NGGE sub-committees had formed, and were in the process of setting up meetings.

There were no general announcements.

Following committee reports, Provost Kevin Carman provide a report on a number of topics including an upcoming academic program review, in accordance with the 2018 SAPP that to date had not been applied. Identified programs will be reviewed to improve efficiencies, completion rates, etc. The Provost also reported that he will continue to focus on improving efficiencies across the university, including low enrollment courses, simplifying offerings, and possibly utilizing J-term and summer courses better to avoid bottlenecks. Provost Carman concluded his report by acknowledging the good work done by the RTP (Reappointment, Tenure & Promotion) committee. Based on this report, a SAPP will be forthcoming to Faculty Senate.

Alex Kean, Vice President of Budget and Finance, CFO reported to the Senate about the development and implementation of a revised budget model for the University of Wyoming. VP Kean described the model as more transparent and predictable, but rollout would not occur until after the FY 2024 budget was established. A question and answer period followed.

Following VP Kean, Faculty Athletic Representative Scott Chamberlin gave a report on UW Athletics. Topics of discussion included a report on the four subcommittees of the Athletic Planning committee, the high percentage of athletes that earned All Mountain West status, and information on new NCAA policies regarding name, image, and likeness of college athletes. Brief discussion followed. Faculty with further questions were directed to follow up by emailing [scott@uwyo.edu](mailto:scott@uwyo.edu).

Chair Laegreid discussed the opportunity to provide faculty feedback on UW Regulation 8-1, Proper Use of Computing and Data Communications Operated by Division of Information Technology, which may be modified to limit incidental crypto-mining by students. Faculty were encouraged to provide any further feedback, after a brief discussion.

Chair Laegreid introduced Resolution 428: Resolution Regarding Honors Interdisciplinary Arts & Science Bachelor's Degree. Honors College Dean, Peter Parolin, provided a rationale for the new interdisciplinary bachelor's degree, with a brief question and answer period.

Chair Laegreid introduced Resolution 429: Resolution Regarding Minor in English as a Second Language Education. Jenna Shim, College of Education Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, provided an explanation and rationale of the new minor and how it would be helpful for a significant number of students.

Following these resolution introductions, motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm and went into Executive Session.