

**Faculty Senate
University of Wyoming**

Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting of
23 January 2023

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Renee Laegreid at 3:14 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; Mike Borowczak, Roger Coupal, Jeff Edwards, Ray Fertig, John Hoberg, Scott Lake, Jerod Merkle, Jeff Miller, Steve Miller, and Mike Urynowicz.

Chair Laegreid called for a motion to approve the agenda for January 23, 2023; a motion was made, seconded and carried. Chair Laegreid called for a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Laegreid started her report with her meeting with the Provost. They talked about distance learning and its budget. She also spoke on the need to support more faculty. New Fellows have been added but there is a need for more support.

The Chair spoke on the 2-13 status. After being charged by the Board of Trustees to review the language in 2-13 by all parties. The group met and agreed that the new language is good to go.

The President and the Provost will be at the next Faculty Senate meeting. The President would like to have a discussion on a comprehensive budget model, academic proficiencies and/or ChatGPT.

ChatGPT has a working group assigned to bring recommendations to the President by February 10th. Chair Laegreid is part of this group and she reported that they will start by looking at how other institutions are handling ChatGPT.

The Chair asked for a volunteer to be part of the Shoreline Committee which helps recruit students from other countries.

Chair Laegreid brought up the subject of changing rooms for the Faculty Senate meetings to have better technology and heat in the winter. After some discussion it was decided to try the Senate Chambers at least once. Other options might need to be found if the room does not fit the needs of Faculty Senate.

The Chair called on Nathan Clements to report on the Higher Learning Commission Committee. He said they were going to meet February 15 and they would soon make a call for evidence.

Steve Bialostok from the Parking Committee said they haven't met recently but that the parking garage has been delayed again and that there is no definite date to open. The lot north of

Engineering should open around spring break and the Union parking lot should be completely closed at the end of the semester.

RTP Committee member Thomas Grant said a draft report has been sent to the Provost for review. After outlining several of the proposals Senator Grant answered questions. He also asked if there are any other questions or comments to contact him.

Vladimir Alvarado said the Carnegie Task Force met January 17th and the chair gave them all an assignment, as there is lots of data to review.

Secretary Sprout Ahrenholtz said the 2-13 SAPP Committee would be meeting tomorrow.

The Freedom of Expression working group met for the introductory meeting last week. Vladimire Alvarado said the charge was given and the President would like their report in March. He said they may have to break in to subcommittees, as there are many important issues on this topic.

Ashley Carlisle reported on the Statewide Engagement Committee. She said that they have not met yet but received the introductory letter which lists the nine people on the committee. She sees it as an opportunity to collaborate with people around the state.

Zebadiah Hall, the new Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion could not make this meeting so Faculty Senate would try to schedule him for the next meeting.

Bob Link, VP of Human Resources gave an update on the Salary/Compensation Committee. He answered questions after his report.

Chair Laegreid opened the floor for discussion of Resolution 426; *Resolution in Support of General Counsel Sunsetting Regulation 2-5; Assessing Effective Teaching and Proposed Changes to the Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure (SAPP), Procedures for Assessing Effective Teaching*. After the discussion a motion was made to accept this resolution, it was seconded and the motion passed.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of Resolution 427; *Resolution Regarding the Bachelor of Arts in Social Justice and Minor in Social Justice*. After the discussion a motion was made to accept this resolution, it was seconded and the motion passed.

The Chair thanked Tracy Blakeman for being Faculty Senate Coordinator, as this was her last Senate meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm and went into Executive Session.