

**Faculty Senate
University of Wyoming**

Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting of
7 November 2022

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 November 7, 2022, 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; Gregg Cawley, Nathan Clements, James Creel, Scott Lake, Jerod Merkle, Steve Miller, Ali Nejadmalayeri, and Bryan Ricupero.

Chair Laegreid called for a motion to approve the agenda; a motion was made, seconded, and carried. Chair Laegreid called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2022; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair started the meeting by thanking those who were involved in the VP for Distance Education process. The Chair met with the President and a discussion arose on a need for a philosophy or policy on distance education. The President also stated that he would like to start a group to examine enrollment including recruitment.

They are redacting names in the Presidential Evaluation and then the raw data will be available to review.

The Chair said the Provost sent out Regulation 2-7 and the Deans and Directors have been looking it over. Next week the Executive Committee will review the regulation and then it will come to the Senate.

Senior Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal is having the Faculty Recognition & Development Committee review the Sabbatical Review materials. This committee is chaired by Courtney McKim.

The Chair said that Senator Bagley is reaching out to get committees filled this year and the Chair asked for volunteers.

Chair Laegreid said the Fall Faculty Senate Speaker Series was well attended. Dr. Jennifer Tabler spoke this fall and Dr. Jeff Lockwood will speak in the spring.

Past Chair Adrienne Freng said they have completed most of the work for Strategic Planning. They will present their information to the Board of Trustees. The implementational piece is still being worked on.

Past Chair Freng continued for a report on the HCM Committee. She said it too has concluded. They had sent their findings to the President several weeks ago and that a report was included in today's packet.

Thomas Grant said the RTP Committee has not met since the last Senate meeting, but he had followed up on questions that were asked at that meeting. Questions followed.

Vladimir Alvarado of the Carnegie Task Force said they are going through the data they have. They are also setting up a 30 question survey.

Roger Coupal said there has already been a fair amount of work done already in the Science Initiative Executive Committee before he became a member. They are looking at maximum occupancy by faculty and the difficulties that entails.

The Salary and Compensation Committee said it was reviewing the 2018 SAPP that focuses on how to distribute the raises. The last round of raises used a different process because the SAPP had some issues. Chair Elect Freng said they are reviewing the SAPP now and if you have any thoughts on this issue to please let her know.

Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz said the 2-13 SAPP Committee are still trying to find a meeting date.

Chair Elect Robert Sprague said nominations for the Executive Committee are beginning. The committee will need 2 Members at Large, a Secretary and a Chair Elect. Please let him know if you are interested.

President Seidel could not come to the meeting today but sent his Special Assistant Kelsey Kyne to introduce herself and talk about her new role in the President's Office. She also brought three updates from the President: a working group on freedom of expression, faculty excellence initiatives and the budget. Questions followed.

The Chair brought Resolution 409; Resolution Regarding the Bachelor of Arts in Social Justice and Minor in Social Justice to the floor. The resolution was withdrawn for now as new updated information has been given to APC for review. This resolution may be reintroduced at a later time.

Chair Laegreid brought Resolution 410; Resolution Regarding the Integration of Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center (WyGIS) with the School of Computing up for approval. A motion was made, seconded and after no discussion, carried.

Resolution 411; Resolution Regarding Undergraduate Certificate in Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage was next on the agenda. A motion was made to approve the resolution, seconded and after some discussion, passed.

Resolution 412; Resolution Regarding Undergraduate Certificate in Land Administration was brought to the table. A motion was made to approve the resolution, seconded and after no discussion, passed.

The Chair brought up the last resolution, Resolution 413; Resolution Regarding a Change of Name of Program in Ecology (PiE) to Program in Ecology and Evolution (PiE2). A motion was made to approve the resolution, seconded and after no discussion, passed.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 3:59 pm.