

**Faculty Senate
University of Wyoming**

Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting of
10 October 2022

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Renee Laegreid at 3:12 p.m., on October 10, 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; Roger Coupal, James Creel, Donna Harris, Scott Lake, Rochelle McCoy, Jerod Merkle, Steve Miller and Ginger Paige.

Chair Laegreid called for a motion to approve the agenda; a motion was made to amend the agenda and add a new committee to the committee reports, motion was seconded, and carried. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made, seconded and carried. Chair Laegreid called for a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2022; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair's report started the meeting with a reminder that the Presidential Evaluation closes at midnight. Only 162 faculty members, 111 total staff, 29 other constituents and 26 general public have filled out the form. The Board of Trustees hired Tara Kuipers to serve as a facilitator for the Presidential Evaluation. She will meet with the Executive Committee next week.

At Academic Forum they received reports on new United Way Campaign Leaders, 30% of students are first gen and will be celebrated November 7-11 and Engineering is at the intent phase for a new masters.

Provost Carman said First Year Seminar (FYS) is suspended. All the deans concurred except the Dean of Honor's College.

At the Provost meeting FYS was discussed. The Provost asked the deans to make sure classes available in summer and J terms are being as effective as possible and talked about low enrollment of classes. The Chair has asked Chief of Staff, Mandy Gifford for a copy of the list of low enrolled classes.

The Board of Trustees will have a conference call meeting this week where they are expected to okay the proposed tuition hike.

A committee is looking into the faculty demographics. They are working on the overall and departmental level faculty demographic stats, to get a sense of the number of faculty who have left, who they were and why they left.

President Seidel may form a Civil Engagement Committee.

Chair Freng reported that VP Alexander would talk on Strategic Planning. The HCM Committee are finalizing their work. The committee also suggested that this committee shouldn't be a one-time deal but should continue to help evaluate the system.

Nathan Clements reported on the HLC Committee. They are working toward finishing this year's report. One thing that they have been dinged on from previous years is the weak assessment of programs around campus.

Steve Bialostok said the Parking Committee meeting had been canceled.

Vladimir Alvarado said the Carnegie Task Force meets weekly and they are reviewing some of the data they have already collected.

The Chair announced that Senator Roger Coupal will take over for Senator Carlisle. They are trying to enforce the original mission of the building.

Past Chair Freng said the Salary and Compensation Committee have not met.

Jeff Miller reported on the VP for Digital, Distance and Online Education search. They had 65 applicants apply and they are culling the applications now.

Anne Alexander, VP for Strategic Planning and Initiatives and Kim Chestnut, Interim VP for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion updated the Senators on Strategic Planning. They then took questions and comments.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 4 pm.