

University of Wyoming at Laramie

FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES

May 6, 2024

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Robert Sprague at 3:20 pm on May 6, 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 Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made and seconded. Member-at-large Cawley moved to remove the Introduction, Discussion, and Vote on Resolution 465 from the agenda. Motion made, seconded, and carried. The Chair called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the April 22, 2024, Senate minutes; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported that on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. President Seidel would make his recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the University and that the hour before the President makes his recommendations would be dedicated to soliciting public comment. The Chair noted that the materials pertaining to the Board of Trustees' deliberation were available on their website.

The Chair yielded the floor to Senator Bialostok to discuss parking permits. Senator Bialostok reported that renewals would open to employees on July 1, 2024, and that the renewal period would end on July 10, 2024. Senator Bialostok noted that if any employees miss the renewal period they can apply for wait lists starting July 15, 2024.

The Chair called for ASUW reports. No ASUW representative was present.

The Chair called for Staff Senate reports. Staff Senate Vice President Tori Henderson reported that the Staff Senate had passed a resolution calling for a pause in the Staff reorganization.

The Chair called for General Announcements. No General Announcements were made.

The Chair brought forward resolution 463 in Support of Proposed Amendments to Academic Programs Discontinuance, Reorganization, Consolidation, and/or Reduction per UW Regulation 2-13 SAP for discussion and vote. The Chair called for a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion made and seconded. Secretary Treva Sprout-Ahrenholtz moved to amend the SAP to remove "Section III. Introduction" and add "For a given situation multiple process from this SAP may be applied" to Section I. Motion seconded. The Senate discussed. The amendment was carried. Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz moved to amend the new Section III to say "Minimum

class size requirements, as per UW regulation 2-100 may be generally waived for degree specific courses and teach-out plans” and “An exception may be made on a case by case basis for transfer students who could join the currently enrolled student cohort without lengthening the teach-out” and define those students as those “who could not join the cohort as prescribed above.” Motion seconded, and carried.

Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz moved to amend the SAP to remove “reorganization of an academic unit is a decision that makes structural changes to an academic unit, which may include the addition, reduction, or division of academic unit to an existing academic unit from the new Section VI.” Motion seconded, and carried. Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz moved to amend the new Section VII of the SAP to clarify any Consolidation would follow the process outlined in Regulation 2-13. Motion seconded, and carried. Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz moved to amend the new Section VIII of the SAP to clarify any Reduction would follow the process outlined in Regulation 2-13. Motion seconded, and carried. Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz moved to amend the Resolution to note that the SAP had been amended. Motion seconded, and carried. The Chair called for a vote on the amended Resolution. Motion carried.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 464 Calling for an Indefinite Pause to the Planned “Case for Change” Staff Reorganization. The Chair called for a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

The Chair brought forward Resolution 466 in Support of Proposed Amendments to the Faculty Senate University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion, University Course Review, and University Studies Committees for introduction, discussion, and vote. The Chair called for a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion made and seconded. The Chair noted that these were necessary changes to committees that had arisen recently due to the sunseting of a university regulation and apologized for the last-minute introduction of the resolution. The Chair yielded the floor to Chair of the Committee on Committees David Bagley. Chair Bagley noted that the Committee on Committees had discussed the changes with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and that the resolution had arisen because of those conversations. The Chair and Chair Bagley then reviewed the other changes to committee composition and the language of the resolution. The Senate discussed. The resolution was carried.

The Chair then thanked the Senators for all their hard work during the academic year and noted that the year had unfortunately not been as quiet as he had hoped. The Chair noted that he was proud of the Senators for their fortitude and that he was thankful that shared governance was an ingrained part of the University. The Chair thanked Past-Chairs Freng and Laegreid for their work in seeing that the Faculty Senate Chair was a member of the President’s cabinet. The Chair then formally handed over the Faculty Senate Gavel to Chair-elect Fertig. Chair Fertig thanked Chair Sprague for his leadership and his hard work, and then presented Chair Sprague with a goodbye present.

Chair Fertig called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 PM; made, seconded, and carried.