

University of Wyoming at Laramie

FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES

October 23, 2023

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Robert Sprague at 3:12 pm on October 23, 2023, in the Family Room, University of Wyoming Union. Additional Faculty Senate members and guests were able to join via Zoom.

The Secretary Sprout Ahrenholtz called the roll. A quorum of Senators were present.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda; made, seconded and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 9; made and seconded.

Secretary Sprout Ahrenholtz moved to amend the Minutes to correct mistakes. The motion was seconded and discussed.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the amended Minutes. The amended Minutes were approved.

The Chair stated that he had no formal Chair's Report.

The Chair called for ASUW reports. No ASUW Representatives were present.

The Chair called for Staff Senate reports. No Staff Senate Representatives were present.

The Chair called for a report from the Office of the President. Chief of Staff Kelsey Kyne was called away and was unable to make a report.

The Chair noted that there was no update from the Gen-Ed Revision Committee. Secretary Sprout Ahrenholtz reported that she had been informed by Academic Affairs that an updated 2-13 SAPP would be forthcoming soon.

The Chair yielded the floor to Senator Bialostok to report on the parking situation. Sen. Bialostok reported that 65% of the garage permits had been sold to students and that there was still room in the Iverson garage. The Chair noted that he was not aware that students could buy passes for the Iverson garage.

The Chair opened the floor to general announcements. No general announcements were made.

The Chair called for a motion to approve Resolution 445: Criteria and Sources of Information for Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion SAPP. The motion was made and seconded.

Member-at-large Robison moved to amend Section IV of the Resolution to add language from Academic Affairs' Pythian Paper on Best Practices for Considering Collegiality and Service as Components of Academic Performance. The motion was seconded and the Senate discussed. The motion was approved with one abstention.

Secretary Sprout Ahrenholtz moved to amend the resolution to italicize the second sentence in the first full paragraph on page 2 of the SAPP. The motion was seconded and approved.

Member-at-Large Godby moved to amend Section III. C. to separate Community Engagement and Outreach text from the Professional Service section and into a new heading as Paragraph D, to place the extension text under Section C rather than Section F, and place the Professional Service section as its own section under Section E. The motion was seconded and the Senate discussed.

Member-at-large Godby moved to amend his amendment to move Teaching above Scholarship. The amendment was seconded and approved.

The Chair called for a vote on the main amendment. The amendment was approved.

The Chair opened the floor to any further discussion on the SAPP.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the amended SAPP. The amended SAPP was approved.

The Chair introduced Resolution 446 in Support of a Proposed Bachelor of Science in Ranch Management and Agricultural Leadership. The Chair noted that there would be further supplementary material at the November 6 Senate meeting and that there would be no consideration of a master's level program as part of this Resolution.

The Chair opened the floor to Associate Dean Crane. Associate Dean Crane thanked the Senate for allowing him to be present and for waiting on the feasibility report on the program. Associate Dean Crane explained that the program was meant to meet the needs of a mixture of students, stakeholders, and industry leaders for a program that would function on an interdisciplinary basis and train soon-to-be agricultural leaders. Associate Dean Crane emphasized that there was a great deal of support for the program and that they had received 12 million dollars in starting funds to support the program and that he hoped that the program would tap into some of Wyoming's inherent advantages and be helped by the lack of similar programs in higher education.

Associate Dean Crane explained that the degree would mix three of the main disciplines of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and that 75% of the courses in the program already existed on campus, as well as introducing several new courses to compensate for the remaining 25%. The Senate discussed.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 PM; made, seconded, and carried.