

# University of Wyoming at Laramie

## FACULTY SENATE

### MINUTES

November 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Robert Sprague at 3:10 pm on November 6, 2023, 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 following Senators were not in attendance or represented by a proxy; Senators Alvarado, Cain, Coupal, Dillon, Griffiths, Harris, Lake, McCoy, Mocsary, Myers, Nejadmalayeri, Nippgen, Roberts, and Shannon.

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 23, 2013; made, seconded and carried.

The Chair reported that the Faculty Senate Speaker Series would be held in this very room in 25 hours, and that Dr. Ben Markley would be performing live music as part of the event and encouraged the senate to attend the event and to encourage their constituents to do the same.

The Chair called for ASUW reports. Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Jessica Yang reported that the ASUW Senate had passed SR 2912 Freedom of Expression on a vote of 11-10-1 and that the ASUW Chair had broken a tie vote, and that the bill indicated ASUW's support for the idea that the University of Wyoming and the State of Wyoming supported equality and integrity and that Freedom of Expression was critical. Director Yang noted that the Bill had been killed in committee but that the Senate Rules had been suspended to allow the bill to enter the Senate floor, and after substantial amendment the bill had passed. The Chair opened the floor for questions. The Senate discussed.

The Chair called for Staff Senate reports. Staff Senate Office Associate Christina McDonald thanked the Chair and reported that the Staff Senate had elected a new President and Vice President, Adam Comeau and Tori Henderson respectively. Office Associate McDonald reported that Staff Senate would be honoring Aaron Wolfburger for being UW's employee of the quarter. Office Associate McDonald reported that the Staff Senate would be holding holiday shopping in the UW conference building on December 8 from 9-5 and invited any faculty to attend.

The Chair called for reports from the Office of the President. Chief of Staff Kelsey Kyne was not present.

The Chair noted that there was no update from the 2-13 SAPP Committee as they were waiting on a draft from Academic Affairs.

Senator Fisher reported that the Gen-Ed Committee had met and had set a timeline for Gen-ed revision and that they were planning on garnering feedback from campus either in the latter part of the Fall Semester or early Spring Semester. The Chair opened the floor for questions. The Senate discussed.

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

The Chair called for a motion to approve SR 446 Resolution in Support of the Bachelor of Science in Ranch Management and Agricultural Leadership. The motion was made and seconded. The Chair noted that the Academic Planning Committee had supported the program with some qualifications, but those concerns were reconciled. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Chair Introduced Resolution 447 in Support of University Libraries Licensing Priorities. The Chair yielded the floor to Assistant Dean Jamie Marcus to explain the Resolution. Dean Marcus explained that he was asking the Senate to support the library in its negotiations with outside vendors. Dean Marcus noted that the library had six priorities in pursuing these negotiations, and that he was open to any comments or questions from the faculty while the process was ongoing and that other institutions had adopted similar measures. Dean Marcus yielded the floor for questions. The Senate discussed.

The Chair Introduced Resolution 448 in Support of Honorariums, Incentives, and Sponsored Research Participant Incentives and Participant Support Costs SAPP. The Chair noted that the SAPP derived from the General Counsel's office and was meant to tighten the terms of Honorariums and Incentives and would place stricter standards to receive both but did not have any effect on faculty receiving either from another institution or disbursing to faculty members from other institutions. The Chair then yielded the floor for questions. The Senate discussed.

The Chair Introduced Resolution 449 in Support of Endorsement of the University's Freedom of Expression Principles. The Chair emphasized that this meeting's discussion would be about clarifying the Resolution and the Principles, rather than debating them. The Chair noted that the Resolution was not a blanket endorsement of the Principles, but rather an expression of support for working on the implementation of said Principles. The Chair noted that the Resolution asks for the Senate to endorse the Principles as a first step to move into the implementation process so that that the Senate could continue to work towards stronger academic freedom and that he expected that a Senate Committee would be charged with working in close coordination with Dr. Martha McCaughey, Chair of the Freedom of Expression Committee, to that end. The Chair opened the floor to questions. No questions were asked.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 PM; made, seconded, and carried.