

**University of Wyoming at Laramie**  
**FACULTY SENATE**  
**MINUTES**

May 8, 2023

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Renée Laegreid at 3:15 pm on May 8, 2023, in the Senate Chambers, University of Wyoming Union. Additional FS members and guests were able to join via Zoom.

The Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz called the roll and the following Senators were not in attendance or represented by an alternate or proxy: Borowczak, Bowman, Clements, Coupal, Dai, Harris, Hoberg, Lake, McCoy, Merkle, Miller, Ricupero, and Steumky

The Chair called for a motion to approve the May 8<sup>th</sup> Agenda, made, seconded and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the April 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes; Sen. Freng moved to amend the minutes to read that “Sen. Sprout-Ahrenholtz moved to amend 2-7.2” rather than “Sen. Freng moved to amend 2-7.2,” the motion was seconded and carried. The Chair then called for a motion to approve the minutes, made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported on the Provost's performance evaluation and encouraged Senators and their constituents to take the survey, and discussed the meeting that took place with President Seidel and encouraged the president to continue work on the Presidential fellow's program and urged him to consider making them standing committees going forward. The Chair received the latest final CHIPS Act report, which included potentially using two million dollars in University money and to pursue money from this legislation in the hopes of expanding STEM based programs on campus. The Chair also requested that any Senators interested in serving on the conflict of interest committee to speak with Chair-elect Sprague

The ASUW President Saber Smith reported that he was excited to meet with the members of the Faculty Senate and to pursue ideals of shared governance. President Smith also reported on current ASUW activities including the hiring of a new executive team, preparations for the May Board of Trustees meeting, and opened the floor for questions. Discussion followed.

Chair called for Committee Reports.

Chair Bialostok of the Parking Committee reported that the parking garage was open and that the Union parking lot would be closing on May 26.

Sen. Alvarado of the Carnegie Task Force had no report.

Past Chair-Freng reported that she would save comments on the salary distribution SAPP until later.

Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz had no report on the Regulation 2-13 committee.

Sen. Alvarado of the Freedom of Expression Task Force reported that they had several meetings to determine a base objective for freedom of expression. Discussion followed.

Sen. Carlisle of the Statewide Engagement Committee reported that the Committee met on April 28<sup>th</sup> and had reviewed the Carnegie report to determine what was occurring around the state. Discussion occurred over trying to use the UniWyo calendar as a means of tracking data more effectively.

Sen. Fisher of the Gen-ed Revision Committee reported that Chairs of the Sub-committees were still receiving reports that would be used during meetings with the Provost in the following week and were preparing follow-up reports for the Fall

The Chair called for general announcements. None forthcoming.

The Chair called for the nomination of candidates for the Executive Committee for Academic Year 23-24 and ceded the floor to Chair-elect Sprague to introduce candidate Sen. Robert Godby. Discussion followed.

The Chair called for a motion to approve candidate Godby as a member of the Executive Committee, made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the nomination of candidates for chair to the Faculty Senate Standing Committees. Made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair opened the floor to allow the Senate to ask questions of the Standing Committee Chairs on their reports.

The Chair called for a motion to approve Senate Resolution 440, Creation of a Masters in Engineering program in Petroleum and Energy Studies. Discussion followed. The motion was made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve Senate Resolution 441, Resolution in support of changes to University Regulation 2-100. Made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve Senate Resolution 442, Resolution in support of changes to University SAPP 4-3-23 Standard Administrative Policy (SAP) Review - Salary Distribution Policy. Made and seconded.

Sen. Freng moved to amend Section II of the SAPP to remove “legislative adjustments” from the line that read “This policy does not apply to salary adjustments directly related to tenure and promotion, or job reclassification.” Discussion followed. The amendment was withdrawn.

Sen. Freng moved to amend to remove “all classified staff, administrative at will, and athletic employees not meeting expectation or on a performance improvement plan are eligible for a salary increase” and replace with “All employees on a performance improvement plan are not eligible for a salary increase.” Discussion followed; the amendment was seconded and carried.

Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz moved to amend Section B to remove “distribution” and replace it with “adjustments.” Discussion followed. The amendment was seconded and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Resolution as amended, made, seconded, and carried with two votes against.

The Chair called for a motion to approve Senate Resolution 443 Resolution in support of changes to University SAPP 4-3-23 Standard Administrative Policy (SAP) Review – Undergraduate Transfer Policy. Discussion followed.

Sen. Sprout-Ahrenholtz moved to amend the SAPP to read “This should not unnecessarily delay a student’s path to a degree completion but does not automatically guarantee that the course would be a proper substitute for the USP credit.” Discussion followed. The amendment was withdrawn.

Sen. Fisher moved to amend Section I of the SAPP to remove “content” and replace it with “emphasis” and to add “and outcomes” to the third paragraph. Discussion followed. The amendment failed.

Sen. Stuart-Fertig moved to amend Section I of the Sapp to add “in the event that a course is not a direct equivalent a USP attribute may still be established with a 70% match of learning outcomes to determine equivalency.” Discussion followed. The amendment was seconded and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the amended resolution, which was made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair thanked the Senate for their time, effort, and understanding of technical difficulties over the course of the year as she handed the gavel to the new Chair, Robert Sprague.

Chair Robert Sprague called for a motion to adjourn and move into Executive Session at 4:45 PM. Made, seconded, and carried.