

FACULTY SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting
of
October 25, 2021

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Elect Renee Laegreid at 3:35 p.m., on October 25, 2021, in the Family Room, University of Wyoming Union. Additional FS members and guests were able to join via Zoom.

The roll was called by Senator and Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, with the following senators not in attendance and not represented by official alternate or by proxy: Bialostok, Clements, Freedman, Freng, Lake, McCoy, and Murphy.

Chair Elect Laegreid called for a motion to approve the agenda. Member at Large Cliff Marks made a motion to amend the agenda, adding an ASUW report after the Provost's report and moving "Introduction of Senate Resolution 398, Resolution in Support of Extending Time for UW Campus Community to Evaluate Proposal to Reconstruct UW Colleges" to item IV, rather than item VI. The amendment was seconded, and motion carried. Motion to approve the amended agenda made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Elect Laegreid called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2021; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Elect Laegreid delivered the Chairs Report, which began with a preliminary report on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee survey on the reorganization of colleges. She reminded Faculty Senators that the Student Housing Landscaping committee was still seeking Faculty Senate representation, and encouraged senators to run for office on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Following the Chair's Report, Provost and Executive Vice President Carman provided several updates, including that the 2-13 reports from the Academic Planning Committee and the Graduate Council were received, and that an additional 2-13 committee concerning Family and Consumer Sciences was being formed, pending the Trustee's decision on prior 2-13 recommendations at the November meeting. Other topics included information on Saddle Up and a transfer passport program, potential reformation of The Graduate School, Dean searches, and increased inquiries for enrollment. Finally, Provost Carman reported that the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources funding would not change and remain within the Block Grant. A discussion period followed.

Hunter Swilling, ASUW President, provided a report from ASUW. Food insecurity and landlord tenant rights continue to be topics of concern for ASUW. President Swilling further reported that ASUW surveyed students on UW's restructuring plan and the 2-13 recommendations. Results of the survey demonstrated that there was a general lack of awareness in the student body of the restructuring. Finally, ASUW also has been reviewing fees for the next academic year.

Grant Lindstrom, Chair of the Academic Planning Committee, and Tucker Reddy, Chair of the Graduate Council, both presented their committee reports and findings in response to the Provost's 2-13 recommendations. A discussion period followed each report.

Chair Elect Laegreid introduced "Senate Resolution 398, Resolution in Support of Extending Time for UW Campus Community to Evaluate Proposal to Reconstruct UW Colleges". Laegreid informed the Faculty Senate that the resolution was time sensitive and that rules could be suspended to bring the resolution to the floor if approved. Senator Cawley moved to suspend the rules, seconded, motion carried. Chair Elect Laegreid brought the resolution to the floor for discussion and amendment. Member at Large Bartsch-Estes offered the following amendments to the resolution: change "Reconstruct" to "Restructure" in the title; add "nor any tangible outcomes" following the word "remedies" in lines 21-22; insert the phrase "*WHEREAS*, the totality of the proposed reconfiguration of the UW colleges has not yet been subjected to campus or community discussion, review by committee, or solicited feedback, which would afford opportunity to explore unintended consequences and address unanswered questions, such as which entity will assume leadership for ensuring a robust undergraduate core curriculum (a role previously assumed largely by the College of Arts and Sciences), and" at line 24; replace the word "feel" in line 26 with the word "believe"; correct Regulation 4-1 with Regulation 1-4 in line 33; swap the word "several" with "a few" in line 45; strike the phrase "requests a Faculty Senate review period of 3 months in order that the UW campus community may, in advance of comprehensive restructuring, thoughtfully consider, and offer suggestions regarding, the advantages and challenges of the changes proposed in the Final Plan prior to Board of Trustee action," in lines 52-56, and replace with the phrase, "withholds endorsement of the restructuring proposal and instead advocates that the UW campus community engage in meaningful deliberation of comprehensive reconfiguration as part of future strategic planning". Senator Cawley seconded her set of amendments. Senator Bell offered a friendly amendment to remove the phrase, "such as which entity will assume leadership for ensuring a robust undergraduate core curriculum (a role previously assumed largely by the College of Arts and Sciences)" from the amendment. The friendly amendment was agreeable to both Member at Large Bartsch-Estes and Senator Cawley. Secretary Sprout Ahrenholtz offered a friendly amendment to include the phrase, "including accreditation issues and continuity of degrees" after the word "questions" in line 28 of the amendment, which was also accepted by Member at Large Bartsch-Estes and Senator Cawley. Member-at-Large Marks suggested that the phrase, "and the impact of undergraduate education" be added to Sprout Ahrenholtz's friendly amendment, which was likewise accepted. Senator Miller offered yet another friendly amendment to add the phrase "but not limited to" after the word "including", which was again, accepted. Chair Elect Laegreid called for a vote on the amendments, motion carried.

Another amendment to Senate Resolution 398 was proposed by Member at Large Marks, who suggested that the title phrase "Extending Time for UW Campus Community to Evaluate Proposal", be replaced with "Meaningful Deliberations for the UW Campus Community to Evaluate the Proposal". Motion to amend was seconded and carried. Senator Cornish moved to amend the resolution by striking the phrase "that have effectively functioned for decades" in line 9. Motion seconded and carried. ASUW President Swilling moved to add the phrase "at the University of Wyoming. These changes", and to strike the word "that" in lines 9 and 10. Motion seconded and carried. In the final amendment to FS Resolution 398, Member at Large Barker moved to replace the words "withholds endorsement of the restructuring proposal" with "does not endorse the current restructuring proposal". Amendment was seconded. A

friendly amendment to replace the words “does not” with “cannot” was not accepted by Member at Large Barker. Motion on the amendment passed.

Chair Elect Laegreid called for a vote on the newly amended and titled, “Senate Resolution 398, Resolution in Support of Meaningful Deliberations for the UW Campus Community to Evaluate the Proposal to Restructure UW Colleges”. Resolution passed, though not unanimously.

It was moved by Member at Large Marks, seconded, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:42 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Treva E Sprout Ahrenholtz".

Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary

Dated: November 1, 2021