

**FACULTY SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
Laramie, Wyoming**

Minutes of the Meeting
of
December 2, 2019

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Ken Chestek at 3:10 p.m., on December 2, 2019, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

Secretary Michael Barker called roll, with the following senators recorded absent who were not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Bowman, Crawford, S., Crawford, W., Dewey, Freng, Griesmaier, Hall, Harkin, Humphrey, Krueger, Lake, Miller, S., Moran, Reiser, Steele, Tekiela, Urynowicz.

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

Chair Chestek called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Chestek reported that Senator Boyi Dai and Senator Gabel Taggart volunteered to be Faculty Senate representatives on ASUW's task force that is addressing food insecurity on campus. He also reported that the Executive Committee will be meeting with President Theobald and will discuss a draft statement on *Freedom of Expression* at that time.

Provost Kate Miller reported that the HLC visit went very well with positive comments received, and that the official word on reaccreditation is expected sometime in March 2020. She spoke on the status of the Research Planning Council and the data topics being gathered regarding *Grand Challenges*. She advised there will be upcoming town halls concerning the project. She also reported the governor has requested, on the topic of statewide higher education attainment, i.e., associate's, bachelor's, and graduate degrees, that numbers be raised from 46 percent (current) to 67 percent by 2025. She spoke on the possible process to attain this goal. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Chair-Elect Rudi Michalak reported on the nominations received for the upcoming election of officers. He has received one confirmed nomination, and is waiting to hear from others.

Dr. Peter Parolin, Dean of Honors College, gave a presentation on the Honors College. A question and answer period followed his presentation.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 371, "Resolution in Support of General Counsel and Academic Affairs Proposed UW Regulation 2-6, *Procedures for Dismissal of Faculty Members*" and explained proposed revisions drafted by the Executive Committee. Member-at-Large and Senator Renee Laegreid moved on behalf of the Executive Committee, and it was seconded, to add to line 53, after "property" the phrase "due to intentional or reckless conduct;". Amendment discussed and carried. Discussion. Laegreid moved, and it was seconded, along with her approval of several friendly amendments, to revise lines 42-43, sub-paragraph F., to read in full, "Serious or persistent work performance impairment associated with alcohol or controlled substance use." The motion included changing lines 45-46, sub-paragraph G., to read in full, "Unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs on University property or as part of any University activity." Amendment discussed and carried. Senator Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz moved, and it was seconded, to change line 60 to read, "Mere curmudgeonliness, egocentricity, or conduct which is protected under UW

Regulations does not satisfy this sub-paragraph." Amendment discussed and carried. Member-at-Large and Senator Judy Pasek moved to change line 37, sub-paragraph D., to read, "Neglect of duty, Gross insubordination or persistent truancy;". Amendment discussed and carried. After discussion, Senate Resolution 371, as amended, passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Motion made, seconded, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Barker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael G. Barker, Secretary
Dated: January 20, 2020