

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

Minutes of the Meeting  
of  
September 23, 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 September 23, 2019, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

In the accepted absence of the Secretary, Past Chair Donal O'Toole called roll, with the following senators recorded absent who were not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Anderson, Barker, Buckner, Dalrymple, Lake, Lebo, Nejadmalayeri, Norton, Pratt, Thompson-Ebanks.

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

Chair Chestek called for a motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2019; motion made, seconded, and approved.

Chair Chestek reported on the highlights of the Board of Trustees' meeting that included the approval of the demolition of Wyo Hall to make way for construction of a dorm and approving the construction of a parking structure south of Old Main. He also spoke about the status of the presidential search, and that a search firm was appointed. He also gave an update on the CPM process and has met with acting President Theobald and Provost Miller about moving forward with the process. A question and answer period followed his report.

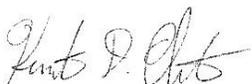
Acting President Theobald reported on an upcoming meeting with Governor Gordon to present to him the UW operating budget request. He outlined some of the items that are included in the request. He also went over items included in the capital budget request, in part, new lab school, new Corbett pool, rebuilding west-side stands of the stadium. He reported about deans' and directors' searches underway, and student affordability for in-state students.

ASUW President Jason Wilkins introduced ASUW Vice President John Houghton and spoke about welcoming the *Black 14* to campus and sharing a meal with them where Athletics Director John Burman issued them an apology for what they experienced at UW in 1969.

Chair Chestek called for a motion to ratify the nominated standing committee chair and member presented with the agenda. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Vice President for Research and Economic Development Ed Synakowski spoke about the *Grand Challenges* initiative being undertaken by the Research Planning Council. He introduced Dr. Scott Henkel, member of the RPC and co-chair of one of the four groups formulating goals in four research areas for the initiative. Henkel explained the process and actions underway so far, and answered questions.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Motion made, seconded, and carried.



Kenneth D. Chestek, Faculty Senate Chair  
September 28, 2019