

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
October 26, 2020

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Rudi Michalak at 3:30 p.m., on October 26, 2020, via Zoom due to social distancing in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The roll was called by Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, with the following not in attendance and not represented by an official alternate or by proxy: Cawley, Crawford, Harkin, Lake, McDonald, Miller, S., Moran, Skiba, Tahmasebi, Urynowicz.

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

Chair Michalak called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2020; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Michalak ceded his time for the Chair's Report to Provost Anne Alexander for her review of the draft *Budget Reduction Plan*.

Provost Alexander reviewed the draft *Budget Reduction Plan* and the timeline for review before sending to the Board of Trustees on November 2. She then opened up for questions, answers, and discussion among senators.

Chair-Elect Adrienne Freng called for nominations of Faculty Senate officers for next year. Offices open are chair-elect, secretary (one-year term), and two members-at-large (two-year terms), and asked that nominations and self-nominations be sent to her.

Chair Michalak called for a motion to ratify nominations for standing committee chairs; motion made, seconded, and ratified. He then called for a motion to ratify nominations for standing committee members; motion made, seconded, and ratified.

Chair Michalak announced there will be a faculty listening session for University-wide faculty on the draft *Budget Reduction Plan* on October 28, 3:30 to 6 p.m., and a Zoom link will be sent prior to the session. He advised the Executive Committee will compile on October 29 comments from the listening session along with any additional comments received from faculty, and will take the faculty response to Provost Alexander on October 30.

Regarding *Developing a Faculty Vision for the University of Wyoming*, Chair Michalak advised the topic would be discussed at the next Senate meeting due to lack of time at this meeting. Senator Guzzo and Senator Harris stated they had their department colleagues' suggestions with them, and were asked to send them to Chair Michalak, who will forward them to the Executive Committee. Senators were asked to bring colleague recommendations to the next Senate meeting.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 5:10 p.m.



Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary
Dated: November 2, 2020