

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
September 14, 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 September 14, 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 represented by an official alternate or by proxy: Coupal, Crawford, Lake, McDonald, Moran, Paige, Skiba, Taggart, Tahmasebi, Tekiela, 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 May 4, 2020; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Michalak reported on COVID-19 guidelines and current issues. He also gave an update on the budget reduction process and procedures being discussed. He noted that members of the Executive Committee will be attending Board of Trustees committee meetings this week.

Staff Senate was not represented for a report to be given.

Riley Talamantes, ASUW president, reported on items regarding: helping students with COVID-19 matters; an ACRES student farm proposal for collaboration between ASUW and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and legislation being drafted to have a "Lauren's Promise" statement be included in faculty syllabi.

President Seidel spoke about COVID-19 phase guidelines, which was followed by a question and answer period. He then spoke about budget reduction planning that is underway, and the timeline for suggestions that includes presentation to the Board of Trustees at its November 2020 meeting. There was a question and answer and discussion period following his report on this topic.

Chair Michalak called for a motion to ratify elected standing committee chairs; motion made, seconded, and ratification carried.

Chair Michalak called for a motion to ratify nominated standing committee members; motion made, seconded, and ratification carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to executive session at 4:36pm.



Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary
Dated: September 21, 2020