

Faculty Senate – Executive Committee

Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2025

Attendance: Rob Godby (*Chair 2025-2026*), Ashley Hope Carlisle (*Member-at-Large*), Vladimir Alvarado (*Secretary*), Tiger Robison (*Member-at-Large*), Greg Cawley (*Member-at-Large – Departed Early*), Brad Rettler (*Member-at-Large*), Evan Johnson (*Chair-Elect*).

Absent: Ray Fertig (*Chair Emeritus*).

Guest(s): David Bagley, Temple Stoellinger (*Chair of the Graduate Council committee*)

Meeting called to order at 12:19pm.

Motion called to approve the agenda, seconded, carried.

Motion called to approve the minutes of September 08, 2025; seconded and carried.

Chairs Report:

Chair has been meeting with a variety of committee heads regarding the work of the individual committees. Further information to follow.

Chair discussed the business of the last session especially as related to Jennifer Tabler bringing up the pause in the Access and Engagement Committee in the full Senates least session. Chair Godby and Ray Fertig followed up with Jennifer Tabler regarding the work of the committee. Chair Godby contacted General Counsel, and the Chair of the A&E Committee. There were two new OCR directives that came out this summer and have yet to be clarified. What the A&E committee is trying to accomplish is to identify some kind of typology that can be used by individuals in making decisions to comply with the law. There are three broad categories: Organizations that are Identity oriented or restricted to exclusive categorial groupings (Women in Engineering as an example), Organizations that clearly focus on a (protected) class for the purposes of academic inquiry, or Organizations that are somewhere on the spectrum between the two previous categories. A pause on funding applies to that last category. Future guidance on allowable funding for expenses related to state law, to be arranged as soon as possible. Another question raised is how long the ‘pause’ is to be in effect regarding organizations that lie on the spectrum of identity-based university organizations, which is unfortunately not yet clear. David Bagley clarified that funding source is irrelevant in funding determinations, including foundation funds, which has been used in the past to try and circumvent previous rules or directives handed down by the legislature. *Chair-Elect* noted that leaders on campus have previously used similar tactics to get around rules. Chair Godby emphasized that General Counsel is working on a typology and is hopeful that it may be out as soon as next week. Chair noted that the SAPP covered by Resolution 491/494 may well be re-opened after the creation of a typology and inserted into the SAPP. MAL Robison inquired about certain specific events on Campus (such as the Shepherd Symposium or the Latina Youth Conference) and inquired about whether those events will remain funding. It is unclear whether such events will continue to be funding moving forward. MAL Robison noted that there is a sense of urgency regarding some of the funding opportunities. The reason this is relevant is because of Jennifer

Tabler comments regarding funding for events which should be 'legal' but are not being funded. Chair Godby noted that further guidance is to be forthcoming.

Chair Godby then discussed the political assassination of Charle Kirk, and conversations around his death. Discussion of institutional neutrality, and the applicable pieces of whether the university should make any statement at all. Chair reviewed the responses to the death of Charlie Kirk, and the effect of the releases from the University regarding his death. Chair speculated that there may have been some kind of political 'coverage' to be gained regarding the State Legislature, in the university's response to the death of Charlie Kirk. Chair noted that the State of the University is tomorrow, but the agenda for the address tomorrow has been amended, to have a panel discussion about civil discourse. Chair noted that the State of the University serves as the fulfillment of a requirement of a meeting of the University Faculty. Several questions were posed as the nature of the panel and the potential effects of the panel. The hazards and benefits of institutional neutrality was discussed. MAL Robinson noted that neutrality is a sliding scale and asked a question about what events require a comment from the University, and which do not. Chair-Elect Johnson brought up a potential link between Campus Carry and shooting violence.

Other Business:

Chair Godby brought up efforts to clean-up the website and the on-going rebuilding efforts.

Chair discussed the on-going efforts to replace Chair-Elect Johnson and noted that a single individual has expressed interest in the position.

Chair Godby discussed the on-going work of the committees, and future arrangement's that could be made to better direct and support the work of the committees. Discussion ensued about future changes to the by-laws, both in the sense of establishing more effective guidelines and charges to the committees, but also to better gauge their effects and efforts.

Chair Godby mentioned the on-going recruiting efforts of the Faculty Conciliator and the Faculty Dispute Resolution Panel. Chair discussed future changes to UW Regulation 2-300 & 2-301, including changes to the Faculty Coordinator Position. Further discussion of the role Unireg 2-2 and 2-7. Chair asked the committee if there were any other Uni-regs which may be useful to revisit, and MAL Robison brought up Regulation 2-8 (Administrative Appointments). Chair-Elect Johnson brought up 2-6 and noted that the trustees have seemingly skirted the procedures and policies contained therein.

Chair then called for a report from Temple Stoellinger, Chair of the Graduate Council/Committee. Temple noted that the work of the committee began as a subcommittee, to draft policies for who can serve on committees and to provide clear instructions and guidelines for different categorical groupings of faculty to adjust how graduate committees operates. Temple explained some of the changes coming that the committee is advocating for, including the function of faculty on graduate committee membership for higher degree levels (Masters-level and PhD programs). Temple took several questions from the executive committee, and from David Bagley, and provided answers. Temple noted that there have been substantial changes made to the work of the council/committee compared to the last update updated. Temple included the idea that if individuals were going to chair a committee, it be included in their job description. The various parliamentary procedural elements required to bring changes to the floor of Faculty Senate were



discussed, as well as the mechanisms for making the edits without having to go through the review process for a second time. MAL Robison discussed some of the concerns related to the changes and its potential impact across campus. Temple noted that the next version sent to the Executive Committee would have minor edits in yellow, and substantive edits done in green. Temple highlighted some of the time pressures and number pressures campus is currently laboring under.

Discussion of Resolution 496, which concerns the SAP that governs and focuses on the utilization of University of Wyoming property or resources for public Demonstrations, ensued. Various interactions with extant policy, including the open carry-on campus, were discussed. Ultimately, newest Uni-reg is being resubmitted to General Counsel for clarification.

Discussion of the Faculty and Staff Senate 'mixer' set for October 7th, and the possibility of canceling the full senate meeting on October 6th in favor of the mixer. A motion was made to discuss the cancellation; motioned seconded, carried. Discussion ensued. A voice vote to cancel the full Faculty Senate meeting on 10/6 was made, and the vote passed. Therefore, the full senate meeting on 10/6 is cancelled.

Chair asked if anyone else had anything else they would like to bring before the Executive Committee. In response to a question posed by MAL Robison, Chair Godby provided a brief update about the Presidential Search Committee for Seidel's replacement.

Motion to adjourn at 2:00pm; seconded, carried.