



The Executive Committee of Faculty Senate Minutes

Monday, Monday, October 20, 2025

Attendance: Rob Godby (*Chair*), Ray Fertig (*Chair-Emeritus*), Vladimir Alvarado (*Secretary*), Brad Rettler (*Member-at-Large*), Ashley Carlisle-Hope (*Member-at-Large*), Tiger Robison (*Member-at-Large*).

Members Absent: Gregg Cawley (*Member-at-Large*)

Guests Present: David Bagley (*Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs*)

Meeting called to order at 12:33pm.

A motion was called to amend the agenda; seconded, carried.

A motion was called to approve the minutes of the last session; seconded, carried.

Chair's Report

Chair Godby noted that the nominations for President of the University link, arranged for by the recruitment agency, is open and accepting nominations for the position of President of UW. He prompted people to take advantage of it.

Chair referred to an email he sent out last week that was intended to provide updates on a variety of subjects.

Chair Godby provided an update on the Shared Governance Working Group, noting that broadly speaking the report to be presented to the Trustees in November will focus on categorical issues that represent complications or central issues related to shared governance on campus and university operations.

Chair noted that the speaker series event has received a total of 7 nominations, and the Faculty Awards Committee can get to work.

Chair Godby noted that a group of students (Young Americans for Liberty) submitted 327 individually signed petitions to grant students the ability to carry tasers on Campus. They requested that tasers be taken off the list of dangerous weapons. Several questions were asked and answered the committee.

Chair Godby brought up the fact that he has investigated the problem of retirees from the University losing their email access upon their retirement and noted that Microsoft has made several cost-cutting measures and that this email issue is tied to the layoffs within Microsoft. Chair highlighted that the issue affects Emeritus faculty, but the problem lies within Microsoft not with the University. Furthermore, Chair Godby noted some of the problems with the license for Microsoft Office products, and some of the potential resolutions of the problem. People have been offered an online license access to MS software, but details are not available at this point.

Other Business



Chair suggested to the committee that the Drone SAP scheduled for consideration by the Faculty Senate be delayed, as General Counsel is reworking the proposed SAP for future consideration.

A question was posed by Secretary Alvarado about whether the Joint Staff and Faculty session was useful, and what came out of the meeting. Chair Godby noted some of the issues involved in broadly networking across Campus, and to introduce Faculty and Staff Senates to each other. Further, the Chair noted that the brainstorming session yielded some good results as the campus community itself tries to knit itself together.

Chair-Emeritus Fertig brought up a question related to *green cards* for incoming faculty members, noting several changes from what has been proposed in the past. Ray's concerns have to do with a potential policy change that seems to have come into effect. This question will come before the Faculty Senate at this afternoon's session, to be put forward to General Counsel.

Chair Godby then addressed the work of the committees, and the charges of the respective committees. While not actually making any proposals formally, he suggested bringing in the Chairs of the Committee on Committees to effect some changes to the functioning of the Committees. Chair Godby pointed out several items that seem to have been lacking in recent years, including the necessity (by bylaw) for the committees to report to Faculty Senate every fall and spring semester. Chair then asked for input from the rest of the committee regarding potential changes to the by-laws which govern the operation of the Committees. Several potential changes were suggested, including the overall reduction of necessary members from eleven to six members. It was noted that the College of Law does not have the personnel to meet the demands of committee membership. Further, Chair Godby suggested that the Library Council (Committee), be dissolved. Chair asked if the Executive Committee had any problems with beginning work on the committees, and no one reported any issues.

Discussion of the Faculty Conciliator position was held, including the shocking news that the position is paid at \$3000 per semester. The Chair-Elect position, now vacant after the resignation of Evan Johnson, was also discussed by the committee. Three potential candidates are Trevor Sorenson, Roger Coupal, and Brandon McElroy. The Faculty Dispute Resolution Panel's needs was also discussed, as well as current membership of the panel.

Discussion ensued of this afternoon's session of the full Faculty Senate, will include the postponement of Resolution 499 (the drone SAP). Ray will make the motion to amend the agenda for the full session. It was further noted that Don Apparius, Ombudsman of the University, will address the Faculty Senate this afternoon with a presentation. Update on Resolution 496, which is currently postponed. Chair discussed Resolution 497 (*Anti-human Trafficking SAP*) including some changes being proposed by various people, and the possible introduction of recognition of *Good Samaritan*. The Resolution will be introduced this afternoon and voted on at the next meeting of the Full Senate. The Resolution 498 (*Student Death Notification*) will be introduced tonight. Chair Godby proposed a minor change to the wording of the SAP, concerning the timeliness of the notifications.

Chair Godby noted some of the difficulties being encountered by the broader Campus Community, regarding AI as well as a general lack of academic honesty/integrity. It was noted by

members of the committee that the problem is spreading and that the Academic Dishonesty processes are not being utilized or being followed. Discussion was had about the broader effects of academic dishonesty and its effects, including how the process is being followed by Faculty.

Motion to adjourn at 2:05pm; seconded, carried.