



The Executive Committee of Faculty Senate

Minutes

Monday, Monday, October 27, 2025

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

Members Absent: Ashley Carlisle-Hope (*Member-at-Large*)

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

Meeting called to order at 12:30pm.

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

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

Chair's Report

The approval of the timeline for the presidential hiring decision as well as the job description for the next President of the University came from the Trustee's last week and now that these documents are approved, the search for the next President will begin in earnest. Chair Godby provided some information about the state of the search and reported that further information will likely come out after exams in December, with future meetings of the Search Committee at the beginning of Spring 2026, before interview processes begin in March 2026. Further information was provided about the nature of the search and the details of the timeline, with campus interviews to occur at the end of March. The intent is to have an offer extended by mid-April, with the new president taking office in July. The committee discussed some of the desired qualifications of the incoming president, including a strong commitment to Shared Governance.

Shared Governance Working Group has a meeting this Friday and will be providing a report to the Trustees in November.

Chair Godby reported on a meeting with the ECTL team which is working on the next Institutional Assessment of Learning Outcomes and that this report will need to be introduced to Faculty Senate for approval, with the goal of identifying what "a graduate of the University of Wyoming" looks like. Chair noted that it was unlikely that Faculty Senate would be on-board with the broad generalities contained within the recommendation. The Institutional Assessment of Learning Outcomes is a part of the accreditation process, and one of the goals of the assessment is to ensure teaching is occurring at UW and that the quality of the teaching is excellent. Furthermore, the assessment offers a way to codify and contextualize what a 'graduate of UW looks like' and what value it provides in terms of benefits to the State. Chair indicated that he believes he managed to convince the team to hold-back on their aggressive timeline and that he encouraged a more substantially improved dialogue. In tandem with the ongoing discussion of the Institutional Assessment of Learning Outcomes, the committee discussed the effects of AI on the UW community.

Other Business

It was noted that a faculty member in the College of Agriculture passed away last week, and that the notification would be released University-wide once approval was secured by the University. This is relevant because of the Student Death Notification SAPP under the Senates consideration.

The Committee then turned to the draft of proposed changes to the “*Establishment of Faculty Senate Committees*”, which is likely to occupy Resolution 500, to address some of the potential changes being proposed and discussed some of the changes that Chair Godby has drafted. Such changes included clarification of reporting duties to the broader Faculty Senate, membership issues, meeting requirements and the actual structure of the committees themselves. Chair requested the thoughtful reactions of the members of the Executive Committee, after taking some time for consideration, be sent to him after reading the changes made. Chair further noted that the Chair of the Committee on Committees is involved in the changes being proposed.

The committee then discussed the draft agenda for the next full senate meeting, touching on the Faculty Dispute Resolution Panel and the Faculty Conciliator. Chair Godby took questions and discussion ensued about the draft agenda. The committee then turned to discussion of the privacy of executive sessions and the potential of creating a second zoom for executive session, one that is password locked, to preserve the privacy of executive participants. Faculty Senate Coordinator directed to create multiple zoom meetings, including a password protected Zoom meeting for Executive Session.

A motion was called to amend the draft agenda to include the new zoom address; seconded and carried.

The committee then discussed the Anti-Human Trafficking SAPP and postponed further consideration of the SAPP to allow for greater time for further consideration. The committee then discussed the Student Death Notification SAPP. Chair Godby noted a single concern regarding the role of contacting community members affected by the loss of a student, suggesting a minor change in language. Brad Rettler suggested other changes in language in different sections. Chair Godby noted that the Drone-SAPP is still under postponement.

Motion to adjourn at 2:13pm; seconded, carried.