

**Faculty Senate – Executive Committee**

Minutes

Monday, November 24, 2025

**Attendance:** Rob Godby (*Chair 2025-2026*), Vladimir Alvarado (*Secretary*), Tiger Robison (*Member-at-Large*), Greg Cawley (*Member-at-Large*), Brad Rettler (*Member-at-Large*)

**Absent:** Ray Stuart Fertig III (*Chair-Emeritus*), Ashley Hope Carlisle (*Member-at-Large*)

**Guest(s):** Mandy Gifford (*Chief of Staff – Provost’s Office*), Jared Studyvin (*Co-Chair, Academic Planning Committee*)

Meeting called to order at 12:32pm.

Motion called to approve the agenda, seconded, carried.

Motion called to approve the minutes of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025; seconded and carried.

**Chairs Report:**

Chair Godby provided an update on the Shared Governance Working Groups presentation to the Board of Trustees. The report has not been finalized and submitted and is instead awaiting further commentary and additional time to resolve some of the issues that were raised during the verbal presentation. There will be an additional meeting of the Working Group in the future.

Chair Godby noted that the Governor’s Budget includes a 3-million dollar cut to the University. The governor took our salary request and placed it into the general government request for and has provided 27 million dollars for salary adjustment. Political difficulties related to the salaries within the state and the legislature were discussed. Chair Godby provided some reserved optimism, noting that the salary discussion is just beginning.

Chair provided an update on the Faculty Conciliator position, noting we have a total of two nominees and lack only a third. Chair requested Secretary send the previous resolution (Resolution 500) be sent on to the President’s Office.

Chair noted that General Counsel has been invited to speak at the next full Faculty Senate Meeting.

Chair noted that ASUW requested at our last session that Faculty Senate provide support to several bills that, and he further noted that the bills that request was made for lack certain wording and language that provides necessary clarification.

Chair noted that the position of the *Chair-Elect* remains open and needs to be addressed by Executive Committee, and the broader Faculty Senate.

Chair provided an update on the Faculty Senate Speaker Series events.

Chair has invited the President of the University to speak to Faculty Senate, but current scheduling prohibits the efforts.

**Other Business:**

Jared Studyvin was present to provide a report on the work of the Academic Planning Committee. Chair Godby provided some background information related to the work of the Academic Planning Committee and how notices of intent come before the Board of Trustees for multiple levels of approval. Jared Studyvin was present to provide a report on the work of the Academic Planning Committee. There are currently five certificates being considered, from 4 different schools/colleges. Jared noted that several of the programs have yet to submit further information from several of the proposed certificate programs, except for the proposal by the HAUB school. Jared further noted that there has been an abundance of certificate programs in recent years and that the University of Wyoming is becoming the “University of Certificates”, further noting that there is no one that has an actual holistic appreciation of the number and impact of certificate programs on campus. Mandy Gifford provided some information relating to having data for the certificate programs, and that the role of certificates at the university is an on-going discussion within the Provost’s Office. Several questions were asked and answered related to the nature of certificates and the body of students that might be drawn to those certificates. Mandy Gifford noted that their initial data is fairly limited at this point. Jared Studyvin requested some feedback as to the nature of the work of the APC and received responses from Chair Godby on the purpose and function. Chair extended thanks to Jared Studyvin and the rest of the Academic Planning Committee for their work and their efforts.

The Faculty Senate agenda for December 1<sup>st</sup> was discussed by the committee, noting some of the upcoming business. Chair Godby noted that for some of the agenda items the necessary rules will need to be suspended. Resolution 502 will be proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Committees and By-Laws.

The committee then discussed the changes being proposed under Resolution 502.

Motion to adjourn at 1:56pm; seconded, carried.