

Faculty Senate - Executive Committee

Minutes

Monday, April 6, 2026

Attendance: Rob Godby (*Chair*), Vladimir Alvarado (*Secretary*), Gregg Cawley (*Member-At-Large*), Brad Rettler (*Member-At-Large*), Tiger Robison (*Member-at-Large*), Ashley Hope-Carlisle (*Member-at-Large*), Jordan Hemmingway (*Member-at-Large, Elect*), Jonathan Carrier (*Member-at-Large, Elect*), Clifford Marks (*Secretary-Elect*), Brandon McElroy (*Chair-Elect, 2026 - 2027*).

Members Absent: Ray Fertig (*Chair-Emeritus*)

Guests Present: Michelle Hilaire (*VP of Undergraduate Education, Academic Affairs*)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm.

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

A motion was called to approve the minutes of March 30th, 2026; seconded and carried.

Chair's Report

Chair Godby noted that the university officially has a new president, Brigadier General Shane Reeves, who will take office beginning in July of 2026. Chair Godby described some of the process that went on in the selection of Reeves as the candidate, including a secondary interview conducted live with each candidate with the leaders of the various senates able to participate informally. Chair Godby noted that the search was successful and that he is looking forward to working with President Reeves. Members of the committee asked several questions about the interview process; Chair Godby answered these questions to the best of his ability given the matter is subject to privacy restrictions under state law.

Chair noted the spring convocation occurring next week and further highlighted that the Faculty Senate only has two more full meetings left with a considerable workload left to accomplish before the end of the year. Chair also requested the resolutions that have been already passed need to be distributed to the appropriate parties throughout the campus community.

Other Business

The Executive Committee directed its attention to UniReg 2-301, which governs the function and constitution of the Executive Committee. In particular, the committee discussed the expansion of the number of Members-at-Large that serve on the Executive Committee. Chair noted that all the Faculty Senate can do is request the UniReg be reopened and is subject to the Trustee's governance. Further discussion occurred about the nature of the position of Faculty Senate Coordinator, including a potential request to rewrite the positions structural occupation within the institutional framework.

The Executive Committee then turned to consideration of the Faculty Senate Bylaws, regarding the executive committee composition and the function of the Committee-on-Committees. Specifically, the expansion of the number of Members-at-Large on the Executive Committee, and the integration of the functions of the Committee-on-Committees into the Executive Committee functions and structures.

The Committee then turned to a proposal from the College of Education about Early Childhood Education. The committee reviewed the proposal through multiple different lenses including operational, administrative, and financial considerations that go into the proposal.

The Committee discussed the Constructive Dialogue Certificate, being proposed by UW Casper via Martha McCoy. It will be introduced and likely voted on this evening.

The Committee discussed the Drone Policy proposal, which has been postponed for several months at this point. A revised version has been drafted by the appropriate authorities across campus, addressing specific issues raised by specific constituencies across campus. Being introduced tonight, and likely to be voted on at the next sessions.

The Committee then turned to consideration of the Certificate in Ranch Management and Agriculture Leadership.

The Committee then discussed the agenda for tonight's full Faculty Senate meeting. Committee reviewed and discussed the agenda items for this evening meetings. Chair further noted that there is the potential for the VP of Information Technology may be zooming in to address AI being acquired for campus use.

Motion to adjourn at 1:36pm.
Seconded and carried.