

**Faculty Senate - Executive Committee**  
Minutes  
Monday, April 13, 2026

**Attendance:** Rob Godby (*Chair*), Ray Fertig (*Chair-Emeritus*), Vladimir Alvarado (*Secretary*), Gregg Cawley (*Member-At-Large*), Brad Rettler (*Member-At-Large*), Tiger Robison (*Member-at-Large*), Ashley Hope-Carlisle (*Member-at-Large*), Jonathan Carrier (*Member-at-Large Elect*), Clifford Marks (*Secretary-Elect*).

**Members Absent:** Jordan Hemmingway (*Member-at-Large Elect*), Brandon McElroy (*Chair-Elect*, 2026 - 2027).

**Guests Present:** David Bagley (*Vice Provost Faculty Affairs*), Brandon Roberts (*Department of Zoology & Physiology*).

The meeting was called to order at 12:31pm.

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

A motion was called to approve the minutes of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026; seconded and carried.

**Chair's Report**

Chair provided a reminder concerning the Spring Faculty Convocation, occurring this Wednesday at 3:30pm, noted it as the last address of President Seidel to the University community. Chair noted that Mark Gordon, Governor of Wyoming, will be attending.

Faculty Senate Coordinator provided an update on the work involving the Dearly Departed survey, including goals and how the survey will function moving forward.

Chair Godby addressed and clarified the needs for resolutions to be transmitted to and provided the Secretary with a listing of the persons who need to be addressed in resolution transmittals.

**Other Business**

The Committee heard from Brandon Roberts, regarding the work of a taskforce that was put together by RED, to consolidate and centralize animal care for campus, which would transition the care of animals from an individual model handled by individual departments to a per-diem model. Brandon took several questions, but the larger issue connected to this proposal by RED is that it's not actually solving a problem, increases costs, and requires an expansion of mandatory staff requirements. Chair Godby noted that the proposal violates principles of shared governance. The Committee asked several questions of Roberts, who answered to the best of his ability. The Committee discussed the ramifications of the proposed change. Chair noted that he would address VP Chitnis about the proposal.

The Committee discussed the introduction of Resolution 515: Request of Review for UniReg 2-301 to accommodate Committee Bylaw changes and addressing potential issues with the Faculty Senate Coordinator position. Chair Godby requested clarification from the Committee

about the expansion of the Executive Committee. Being generally resolved, the Executive Committee will propose a change to expand the membership of the Members-at-Large.

The Committee discussed the introduction of Resolution 516: Faculty Senate Bylaw Changes, which detail the government of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees, most of the changes being related to the change in the Bylaws which govern the action and function of the committees. Chair Godby discussed some of the changes being proposed.

The Committee discussed the Reintroduction of Resolution 499: Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drone) Policy. Additional clarifications and changes have been made, after receiving feedback from various constituencies on campus, and are now ready for further consideration from the Faculty Senate.

The Committee discussed Resolution 513: College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership. The Certificate is being proposed by the Master of Public Administration program, is resource-neutral, and the certificate is being opened to a broader audience. Chair Godby raised some concerns regarding the function of certificates overall, and the specificity of micro-credentials.

The Committee discussed Resolution 514: College of Agriculture, Life Sciences and Natural Resources Certificate in Ranch Management & Agricultural Leadership. Chair noted that the Academic Planning Committee had initial concerns, which have since been addressed. APC has endorsed the program as well as a few lingering questions.

The Committee discussed the introduction of Sponsored Projects Receivables Collection and Write-Off Policy SAP. There was no substantial discussion, and the Committee had no questions about the proposed SAP.

Motion to adjourn at 2:08pm.