

**Faculty Senate - Executive Committee**  
Minutes  
Monday, April 20, 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*), Jonathan Carrier (*Member-at-Large Elect*), Clifford Marks (*Secretary-Elect*), Jordan Hemmingway (*Member-at-Large Elect*), Ray Fertig (*Chair-Emeritus*), Brandon McElroy (*Chair-Elect, 2026 - 2027*).

**Members Absent:**

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:34pm.

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

A motion was called to approve the minutes of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026; seconded and carried.

**Chair's Report**

Chair Godby provided a report about the Spring Convocation, noting that the Governor flew in to attend. The general purpose was to acknowledge President Seidel's service to the University.

An update about the Dearly Departed survey was provided, noting pending answers from Human Resources.

Chair Godby provided an update about the standing committees and their final report for the academic year. A general invitation has been issued to the standing committees to provide a report at the final meeting for the semester. Chair Godby noted some of the specifics regarding the nature of the committees, and who and what are important for reporting to the Senate.

Chair Godby noted that the Drone SAP has been returned to the office of general counsel to address concerns. Chair Godby further noted that the Animal Care issue that was raised last week and as Brandon Roberts reported on to the Executive Committee, was returned for further consideration. The committee discussed some of the legal and structural problems attached to the various proposed SAPs.

Chair Godby provided an update about the School of Computing changing the name for their Graduate Certificate in Unmanned Aerial Systems to a Graduate Certificate Uncrewed Aerial Systems.

Chair Godby provided an update about the discussion around the incoming raises, including how the raises are going to be distributed throughout the campus community. Chair noted that the proposal Alex Kean is putting forward is a 1400 flat improvement, with more money set aside for market changes to wages and meritorious raises. Chair Godby provided some specific details on how the money should be divided up, noting that the money was allocated by the legislature

to address inflationary concerns and market-wages, not performance linked metrics. A discussion ensued.

Chair provided an update on the operational resource windfall, derived from several different factors, now sits around 15 million dollars which will result in a number of % cuts applied to all departments throughout the University.

Chair provided an update about the hiring of Executive Vice President, noting that there has been some push back from the community and reactions from a variety of partners across campus. Chair noted that incoming Executive Vice President line has been empty for several years. Chair Godby indicated that the position is intended to serve as a 'quarterback', drawing on a football metaphor, running the plays the coach (the president) is calling. President Reeves is bringing an Executive Vice President that he has worked with before. Chair Godby noted that the salaries being offered to the President and Executive Vice President, the University of Wyoming ranks in the bottom third for salary. Chair Godby noted that Executive Vice President Sheetz is being brought in as an exclusive administrative position and that he is not getting appointed as a faculty member anywhere.

Chair Godby noted that the appointment of Carolyn Pepper as Dean of the Graduate School, has also drawn some pushback from a variety of stakeholders on campus. The committee discussed some of the ramifications about the appointment itself, and debated the merits of internal and external candidates, and the systemic review of what the appointment means. The summary generally is that it violates the principle contained within UniRegs.

Chair Godby requested an update on reviewing discontinued, low-enrollment, low-producing programs, and the consolidation, particularly with regards to the consolidation of Philosophy & Religious Studies. David Bagley provided additional information, emphasizing that the Provost is still considering whether or not to proceed.

### **Other Business**

Committee discussed Resolution 516, noting that the expansion of the Executive Committee bylaws requires a change in the University Regulations. Additionally, the position of the Faculty Senate Coordinator needs clarification and development.

Committee discussed the various matters attached to resolutions being reviewed this evening by the full senate, as the business to come so that the Committee is aware of the agenda for this evening.

Chair Godby noted that other potential business includes a resolution about internal and external searches, as well as a resolution dealing with the pay raises.

Motion to adjourn at 1:48pm.