



Faculty Senate
Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2025

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:15pm on Monday, September 22, 2025, in the Senate Chambers of the Wyoming Union. Some Faculty Senate members and guests appeared via Zoom.

Members Absent: Hugo De Costa Santos, Elizabeth Di Russo Case, Shawn Griffiths, John Hoberg, Becky Linn, Brandon McElroy, George Mocsary, Bradley Rettler, Crystal Sieger, Trevor Sorenson, Benjamin Wilkowski

Guests Present: Jenna Martin (*Office of General Counsel*), David Bagley (*Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs*), Don Apparius

Chair Godby called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

Secretary Alvarado called the roll, and a quorum was present.

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

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

There was no representative from Staff Senate to provide a report.

Chair's Report

Chair Godby provided information about the Joint Senates meeting that occurred a couple of weeks ago, noting that he felt it was a good meeting and that several of the ideas advanced during the brainstorming session were useful. He highlighted the fact that some staff members might be intimidated by the faculty members. Chair Godby further noted that some of the ideas advanced by the joint meeting will be seeing iteration and development.

Chair Godby provided an update for the Faculty Senate on the Working Group on Shared Governance, noting that the working group will be issuing a report to be delivered to the trustees in November, which will identify processes and procedures to develop better communication and transparency to make sure Shared Governance is being implemented and is utilized at the University. Further the working group will have at least one additional meeting prior to the trustee meeting in November.

Chair Godby then noted that a student group has produced a petition to permit the open carry of tasers by students on Campus. The group, Young Americans for Liberty, submitted 329 petitions to the office of the president last Friday.

Chair Godby then provided an update about the terms of an agreement with Microsoft that has changed, rendering emeritus faculty unable to access their email through the usual means. Chair Godby provided some of the details behind the decision, which was entirely external to the



University of Wyoming, and provided some details on how to get around the access issue, requesting to be informed of other incidents that may or may not be occurring around Campus. Chair noted that this issue has impacted other institutions throughout the country and is not exclusive to the University of Wyoming.

Chair Godby then provided the Senate with a reminder for the Faculty Conciliator and Faculty Dispute Resolution Panel. Chair noted the fact that the Faculty Conciliator position is paid, to chuckles around the Senate, and the hope that other individuals will come forward willing to serve.

Other Reports

The new Director for Public Affairs of ASUW was present to provide a report, indicating that ASUW is looking to expand the Hathaway Scholarship program and plans to draft a resolution for voting via an ad-hoc committee.

Jared Studyvin, co-chair for the Academic Planning Committee noted that likely at the next meeting of the Senate, there may be something for the Senate.

Casey Frome was on hand for the FASRRC committee to provide a report, stating that they are working on streamlining the complaint process. Further, they are working on streamlining the Academic Freedom process to address violations, for the protection of faculty. Chair Godby noted that there are multiple processes for resolving Academic Freedom complaints, based on the specific membership body (students, faculty).

There was no one present from the Budget Committee, the Graduate Council, the Library Council, Student Interaction Committee, University Course Review, University Studies Committee, Research Advisory Committee, to provide reports.

Dave Bagley provided an update for the RTP Committee, indicating that they will be having a preliminary committee meeting sometime in the next 2 months, but that the real work of the committee begins after the new year.

Senator Roberts provided an update from the Provost's AI Committee, regarding the utilization and deployment of AI resources here on Campus both by Faculty and by Students. Senator Roberts further noted that there are a further 6 subcommittees derived from this primary committee. Senator Roberts indicated that there would be future updates to a variety of regulations and to include a SAPP, regarding the use of AI on campus. Senator Roberts furthermore noted that ASUW voted in the Graduate Student Council, which has been created as an official student body that represents graduate students on campus. Roberts indicated that several schools are missing representatives, mentioning CEPS, but that the GSC has achieved quorum, only lacking 4 members.

Other Business

Don Apparius then addressed the Senate providing updates from the Office of the Ombuds, noting that the annual report from the Office has been posted and is officially available. He



provided information about the function of the Office, which serves as an intermediary between staff, faculty, and administration on campus, focusing on conflict resolution between different individuals. He noted that he has created small videos, or vignettes, that can be consumed in smaller pieces to gain information on a variety of topics. The Ombudsman highlighted the fact that he is here to serve all of Campus. Several questions were asked, and answered, including noting the Office of the Ombuds has some overlap with the Faculty Conciliator, although a broader base. In cases where a student and a faculty member are involved, it is his office that should be consulted instead of the Faculty Conciliator. It was further noted that the Office of the Ombuds can provide some assistance with external matters.

Chair Godby provided an update on Resolutions coming before Faculty Senate, including Resolution 496 (*Campus Demonstrations*), which has been postponed for the time being. Resolution 497, *Antihuman Trafficking & Forced Labor SAPP*, was introduced to the Faculty Senate with the Office of General Counsel providing the reasoning and rationale behind drafting the SAPP, which has to do with following federal guidelines and executive actions. Several questions were asked concerning the SAPP, including the role of a grants Primary Investigator, including being responsible for the actions of third parties under the PI's supervision. A question regarding the actions of Good Samaritan actions by faculty members was voiced by Jenna Martin, concerning whether such actions should be addressed in Resolution 497, or in a separate SAPP. It was generally held that this SAPP was not the appropriate venue for consideration of such actions. Resolution 498, *Student Death Notification Protocol*, was introduced to the Senate. Resolution 499, *Drone Policy*, was introduced to the Senate, and a motion was made to postpone consideration of the Resolution until a future date. Ther motion was seconded, and by voice vote the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 4:19pm; seconded, carried.