



Faculty Senate
Minutes
Monday, February 23, 2026

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:16pm on Monday, February 23, 2026, in the Senate Chambers of the University of Wyoming Union. Some Faculty Senate members and guests joined via Zoom.

Members Absent: Ahmed Abdelaty, Joe Biasi, Ashley Hope Carlisle, John Hewlett, George Mocsary, Lydia Nganga, Mark Perkins, Brandon Roberts, Crystal Sieger, Jason Toohey.

Guests Present: David Bagley (*Vice Provost – Academic Affairs*), Rick Fisher (and team).

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

A motion was called to approve the minutes of February 9th, 2026; seconded and carried.

Chair's Report

Chair reported a student death from over the weekend to Faculty Senate, information that was released to the broader community in accordance with the proper SAP, and expressed his condolences and the hope for healing for those affected.

Chair provided an update on the work of the Legislature regarding the budget for the University of Wyoming. Chair noted that what was being reported in the news about an agreement being reached with representative Baer was incorrect, that several reports the representative requested had already been provided. Additionally, there is more work to do and the process is ongoing but overall, the University's position has been improved. Chair advised Faculty Senate that campus needs to make sure that the larger UW community does not make any missteps between now and the time when the budget is finalized.

Chair reminded the Senate that nominations for awards for faculty and graduate student rewards are now open.

Chair noted that the process for the Academic Freedom Complaint's is being finalized.

Chair repeated a call for nominations for the Executive Committee.

Chair noted that the ADA Website Accessibility 2.1 Guidelines that have been rolled out are still being designed, and the SAP is being redrafted for a later introduction to Faculty Senate. Chair noted that the Research Misconduct SAP has been referred to the Research Committee for review and analysis.

Chair also noted that the candidates for the Faculty Dispute Resolution Panel will shortly be distributed to Campus for elections and repeated a call for further nominations citing panel membership positions that remain open.

Other Reports



Chair provided an update on the work of the Presidential Search Committee.

No one from ASUW was on hand to provide a report.

No one from Staff Senate was on hand to provide a report.

Jared Studyvin provided an update on the work of the Academic Planning Committee, noting that they are reviewing several programs from different sources across campus, in addition to taking steps and efforts to make their process more transparent. Furthermore, the committee is attempting to refine the process for approval. Chair thanked Jared, and the members of the APC, for their efforts.

Other Business

Chair provided an update on pending resolutions which have been postponed: a) including a final version of the Drone SAP b) student demonstration SAP, c) website accessibility has been referred to the Student Interaction Committee, d) the college of Health Sciences PhD proposal will be returning for a final vote.

The Senate then opened discussion on Resolution 508, having been introduced at the last session. The Chair highlighted some of the changes between the previous version of the proposed changes to Bylaws and the current draft. The Senate deliberated about the potential changes. Senator Hawes offered an amendment to include language which includes the School of Computing on the Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee. Motion was seconded was Senator Sprout-Ahrenholtz. Discussion of the amendment was then had. A vote was called to approve Senator Hawes's amendment, and by voice vote the amendment passed unanimously. Senator McElroy proposed an amendment, seconded, and the amendment was opened to discussion. The amendment touches on making sure there is an equitable distribution of faculty members. After discussion from several senators, Senator McElroy withdrew his amendment. Several other Senators asked questions and made comments. A motion was made to table discussion of the resolution, seconded, and by unanimous voice vote, Resolution 508 is tabled until the next session.

Faculty Senate then discussed the Shared Governance Working Group, with Chair Godby noting that the comments received to this point will be conveyed to the Chairs of the Working Group.

The Faculty Senate then invited Rick Fisher to provide a presentation on "Communication across Curriculum (CxC)". Rick provided a brief personal history about his role on campus and the history of communication courses on campus and noted that one of the goals is a reduction in frustration felt by faculty members. The USP Committee supports the changes, a fact which was communicated by Michele Hilaire.

Chair Godby provided Faculty Senate with an update on the upcoming campus visits of the finalists for the position of President of the University. Faculty Senate has been asked to identify and pose questions about matters which are important to faculty senate and to create questions for these candidates. These questions will not be given in advance to the candidates, which will



allow the Faculty Senate to create questions that cannot necessarily be answered by simple platitudes. Senators asked several questions regarding the process behind the answer/talking sessions with the presidential candidates.

Chair Godby introduced Resolution 509: Standard Administrative Policy (SAP 2-122.2) - Academic Program Review. Introduced for consideration, description and any initial comment.

Chair Godby introduced Resolution 510: Reconsideration of Procedures for Conducting Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Reviews for Tenure-Stream Faculty, SAP 2-7.2. Chair Godby explained that several changes were made without Faculty Senate's consent, and introduced the possibility of reopening the SAP for further consideration.

Motion to adjourn at 5:40pm; seconded, carried.