



Faculty Senate
Minutes
Monday, March 23rd, 2026

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:19pm on Monday, March 23, 2026, in the Senate Chambers of the University of Wyoming Union. Some Faculty Senate members and guests appeared via Zoom.

Members Absent: Ahmed Abdelaty, Carolyn Anderson, Joe Biasi, Thomas Grant, Brandon McElroy, George Mocsary, Lydia Nganga, Mark Perkins, Shannon Schenider, Crystal Sieger, William Todd.

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

Secretary Alvarado called the roll and a quorum was present.

A motion was made to approve the agenda; seconded & carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 9th, 2026; seconded & carried.

Chair's Report

Chair provided an update to the Senate regarding the Presidential search, noting that the Search committee interviewed the initial roster of candidates before turning their finalists over to the Trustees. These semi-finalists will be interviewed this week by the Trustee's, and finalists will be coming to Campus March 30th, 31st, and April 1st. After the candidates spend time on campus, there will be a special session of the trustees to receive feedback from various constituencies across campus, including Faculty Senate. Chair advised that the announcement about who our next President will be, would come towards the end of April.

Chair noted that the Executive Committee may be expanding, based on the changes to the bylaws that occurred in the last session. Several questions were asked and answered regarding the potential changes.

Chair repeated the call of previous weeks, requesting further applicants to the Faculty Dispute Resolution Panel, which is in an altogether better place after elections which occurred over the last several weeks.

Other Reports

No one from ASUW was present to provide a report.

No one from Staff Senate was present to provide a report.

Jared Studyvin, co-chair of the *Academic Planning Committee*, provided an update about what the committee is working on and will be sending on to the full faculty senate in the coming weeks.

Casey Frome, of the FASRR (*Faculty Academic Standards, Rights and Responsibilities*) committee was on hand to provide a report, about the work of the committee. Their work



specifically includes the Academic Freedom process that is currently being developed and should be introduced to the Faculty Senate in its fullness in the coming weeks and months. Casey also provided an update about the work of a Freedom of Expression group here on campus, including several events.

Other Business

Faculty Senate entertained Resolution 509, Standard Administrative Policy review. A motion to approve the resolution was made, seconded, and Faculty Senate took up discussion of the Resolution. Chair noted that the Executive Committee is recommending a single removal, specifically targeted to removing the language that targets Low-Producing Programs. Discussion ensued about the specifics and the nature of the SAP, and several other variables that occurred. A voice vote to accept the amendments as proposed by the Executive Committee was made; and passed by unanimous consent. Faculty Senate accepted the amendments. The Senate then passed the Resolution 509 by voice vote, unanimously.

Faculty Senate then discussed the Reappointment Tenure, and Promotion SAP, which has a somewhat complicated history. Chair elaborated that the resolution would be to request reopening the SAP for further consideration at some future time, because this SAP was heavily debated by Faculty Senate. The Senate made multiple changes, and these changes were essentially ignored in the SAP that was eventually adopted by the administration and did so without notifying Faculty Senate that their changes were rejected. A motion was called to request reopening of the SAP for consideration. The motion was seconded and carried. By unanimous voice vote, the resolution passes, formally requesting the reopening of the SAP from college level administrators as well as the Board of Trustees

Elections were held for the Academic Year 2026-2027. A motion was made to confirm a slate of candidates comprised of Robert Godby for Chair, Brandon McElroy for Chair-Elect, and Clifford Marks for Secretary. By unanimous voice vote, the slate of candidates was accepted by Faculty Senate. By paper ballots and digital poll, the four candidates for Member-at-Large were voted for. The final vote tallies were Jordan Hemmingway – 31 votes, Casey Frome – 22 votes, Trevor Sorenson – 14 votes, Jonathan Carrier – 26 votes. Because of the possibility of the expanding the Executive Committee, it was noted that those that were not elected may be called to serve if the expansion of the Executive Committee is approved. Jordan Hemmingway and Jonathan Carrier were duly elected to serve a term that expires in May of 2028.

Resolution 511: College of Education Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education and Resolution 512: College of Arts and Sciences Constructive Dialogue Certificate were both introduced to the Faculty Senate, to be voted on at a future session. Faculty Senate discussed the utility of certificates and the role of micro-credentials in the operation of the University.

Motion to adjourn at 5:00pm; seconded, carried.