



**Faculty Senate**  
Minutes  
Monday, April 6, 2026

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:16pm on Monday, April 6, 2026, in the Senate Chambers of the University of Wyoming Union. Some Faculty Senate members and guests appeared via Zoom.

**Members Absent:** Carolyn Anderson, Joe Biasi, Gregg Cawley, Roger Coupal, Thomas Grant, George Mocsary, Lydia Nganga, Todd Schoborg, Crystal Sieger, Trevor Sorenson, Amy Turpin, Samantha Vandermeade.

**Guests Present:** Amy McLaughlin (*Vice President and Chief Information Officer*)

Secretary Alvarado called the roll and a quorum was present.

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

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026; seconded & carried.

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Godby provided information about the new president of the University who will be taking office in July 2026, Brigadier General Shane Reeves. Chair Godby included some of the details behind the selection of Reeves as the new incoming President of the University, including representatives of the three Senates on campus being invited to listen to the Trustees question the candidates specifically regarding the issues raised by each Senate. Chair Godby emphasized that this is an excellent demonstration of better principles of Shared Governance and expressed his appreciation. Chair Godby took several questions from various Senators regarding the selection process, addressing specific concerns raised by those senators.

Chair Godby noted that there are only two meetings left for the Senate in this academic year, and that the final sessions will likely be heavy with requests that need to be processed before the end of the year.

### **Other Reports**

No one from ASUW was present to provide a report.

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

None of the standing committees were present, or called upon, to provide a report.

### **Other Business**

Amy McLaughlin addressed the Faculty Senate regarding the work of the AI Commission, specifically as it relates to the development and deployment of AI to Campus. The result is that Information Technology is working on bringing/integrating an AI platform for use by staff, students, faculty, and administrators. The idea is to facilitate access to multiple Language Learning Models



from an institutional position that protects intellectual property of the University, and institutional knowledge. Amy emphasized the fact that the institution needs a secure usage environment that protects constituencies across campus, and UW's proprietary information. Amy discussed the process involved in bringing the AI platform to campus, with a goal of bringing it to campus by the next academic year.

Chair Godby repeated a call for Faculty to volunteer for the Faculty Dispute Resolution Panel.

The Faculty Senate considered Resolution 511, College of Education Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education. Resolution establishes Faculty Senate support for the proposal. By voice vote, the resolution passes, unanimously.

The Faculty Senate considered Resolution 512, UW-Casper Constructive Dialogue Certificate. A motion was made to provide editorial edits and clarify the resolution; seconded and carried. Resolution, accepted as amended, was then put to a vote. By voice vote, the Resolution passes unanimously.

Resolution 499 (Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drone) Policy), was reintroduced by to the Faculty Senate after undergoing substantial review, which review considered the input of various parties and constituencies. To be voted on at the next session.

Resolution 513 (College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership) was introduced to the Senate by the Executive Committee, after review of the proposal by the Academic Planning Committee. Introduced for consideration and vote at the next meeting.

Resolution 514 (College of Agriculture, Life Sciences and Natural Resources Certificate in Ranch Management & Agricultural Leadership), was introduced by the Executive Committee, after review of the Proposal by the Academic Planning Committee. Introduced for consideration and vote at the next meeting.

Resolution 515 (Request of Review for UniReg 2-301 to Accommodate Committee Bylaw changes) was introduced by the Executive Committee, exists to request opening University Regulations to recommend changes to the regulations governing the Executive Committee.

Resolution 516 (Faculty Senate Bylaw Changes to Accommodate Committee Bylaw changes) was introduced by the Executive Committee, exists to request opening University Regulations to recommend changes to the bylaws governing the Executive Committee.

Senator Laegreid announced that AAUP will be having its first public event this coming Thursday, from 4:40 to 6pm. Senator Laegreid also spoke about the "Dearly Departed" survey, which is reserved for Faculty members who are leaving the University. Senator Laegreid suggested that the Faculty Senate Coordinator might be handle this. Senator Laegreid made a motion for the Executive Committee to investigate reinstating the Dearly Departed survey; seconded. By voice vote, the motion passed. The Executive Committee is hereby directed to investigate reinstating the Dearly Departed survey.



Senator Hoberg, provided a report on the work of the FIRST committee's efforts, including systems being developed or utilized that align with the committee's work. Included in his report is that he feels overall that a lot of his fears have been resolved by the tools the committee will be proposing. Senator Hoberg took several questions from various Senators.

A motion to adjourn at 4:57pm; seconded and carried.