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Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2026

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:16pm on Monday, April 20th, 2026, in the Senate Chambers of the University of Wyoming Union. Some Faculty Senate members and guests appeared via Zoom.

Members Absent: Joe Biasi, Amanda Bugbee, Roger Coupal, Dana Dittoe, Thomas Grant, John Hewlett, John Hoberg, Michelle Jarman, George Mocsary, Lydiah Nganga, Camelia Okpodu, Stefan Rahimi, Todd Schoborg, Crystal Sieger, Taylor Stuemky, William Todd, Jason Toohey, Aaron Wood.

Guests Present: Tara Evans (*General Counsel*)

Secretary Alvarado called the roll and a quorum was present.
A motion was made to approve the amended agenda; seconded & carried.
A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 20th, 2026; seconded & carried.

Chair's Report

Chair noted that with the changes to the Bylaws, two new Members-at-Large will be considered for a special election in the coming Fall. Further discussion will be had in the future.

Chair noted that there will be discussion of SAP's over the summer.

Chair repeated a previous call for members to the Faculty Dispute Resolution Panel.

Chair Godby announced the departure of Members-at-Large Cawley, Carlisle, and *Chair-Emeritus* Fertig as well as Secretary Alvardo. Chair called for a round of applause and thanked the departing members of the Executive Committee.

Chair Godby noted that Resolution 504, the Research Misconduct SAP has been tentatively approved to be posted in SAPs for federal requirements. It will be marked as under review.

Chair Godby noted that Resolution 505, the Website Accessibility SAP, will be finalized over the summer and be returned to the Faculty Senate for consideration in the fall. Chair noted that there was an easing of federal requirements by one year, which has reduced the overall necessity to address it immediately. The tentative plan right now is that it will go into practice in January of 2027.

Chair Godby noted that the Drone SAP, Resolution 499, will be returning for final consideration in the fall.

Other Reports

No one from ASUW was present to provide a report.

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The Academic Planning Committee, in the form of Jared Studyvin, was present to provide a report. Jared Studyvin noted that the upcoming year is already off to a better start than the last years start, including the selection of a chair for the next year. Senator Studyvin noted that administration has been receptive of the committee's work. Senator Studyvin noted that the APC has been doing considerable work and further noted that there should be guidance moving forward on how certificates are handled on campus. Senator Studyvin took several questions, including asserting that he desires to put a pause on the consideration of future certificates until further guidance is provided. Chair thanked APC for its work.

Steve Barret, Chair of the USP Committee, addressed the Senate. Chair Barret noted that was excellent representation of various departments on Campus. Chair Barret noted that it was a light year for the committee, and that he worked with Michelle Hilaire, and issued a call before the Senators for a new chair for the committee. Chair thanked Chair Barret for his service and the service of the committee.

Faculty Academic Standards, Rights, and Responsibilities committee had a report provided by Chair Godby and focused on the Academic Freedom Complaint process. As well as how to respond to "trolling, doxxing, etc." of faculty members.

Other Business

Senator Carolyn Anderson addressed the senate, noting her imminent retirement and recounted some of her history here on campus. Senator Anderson thanked the members, past and present, of Faculty Senate. Senator Anderson noted the importance of Faculty Senate as a body on campus and noted that Faculty and Staff should work together as closely as possible. Chair Godby thanked Senator Anderson for her long service.

Senator Laegreid issued an announcement about the last meeting of the AAUP chapter of UW which is on Thursday at 5pm. Senator Laegreid noted her own retirement is impending. Chair called for a round of applause for Senator Laegreid, and thanked Senator Laegreid for her service.

General Counsel addressed the Senate about a directive from the Trustees regarding protecting the trademarks of the University, including the "bucking horse and rider" or Steamboat. The Trustees issued a changeover from previous guidelines, which were discretionary, shifting to prohibiting the use of the bucking horse and rider, as well as the university colors in political campaigns. Chair noted the importance of protecting the trademarks of the University.

Chair requested a motion to approve of the posting of the policies, noting their status as "under review". A motion was made and seconded; by voice vote, the motion carries unanimously. Faculty Senate accepts the posting and the noting of their under-review status.

The Senate then considered Resolution 517: A Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice. Senator Tabler addressed the senate regarding the specifics of the proposed program. By voice vote, the Resolution passes unanimously.

The Senate then considered Resolution 496: UW Regulation 6-4 and Demonstrations on University Grounds. Chair Godby highlighted some of the specific changes that were made in

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response to commentary from campus, as well as the enforcement arm of the SAP which had been lacking beforehand. By voice vote, the Resolution (SAP and UniReg), passes unanimously.

The Senate then considered Resolution 518, Sponsored Programs Receivables Collection and Write-Off Policy, which concerns itself with what happens when a project is sponsored comes into arrears. Chair Godby requested further commentary, and *Chair-Emeritus* Fertig took the opportunity to address his concerns regarding some structural issues, as well as the responsibility that falls onto departments based on the current SAP's structure. General Counsel Evans took several questions after *Chair-Emeritus* Fertig addressed the Senate. Chair Godby proposed some language to be added to the Resolution, noting that the Resolution will be considered Under Review and will be considered further in the Fall. By voice vote, the amendment was accepted unanimously. A motion was called to approve of the resolution as amended. By voice vote, the Resolution was accepted unanimously.

The Senate then considered Resolution 519, Formal Policy on Internal Appointments for Senior Administrators and University Officers. Several Senators asked questions and were answered, and discussion was had over the specifics of the answers and responses. By voice vote, the resolution passes unanimously.

The Senate then considered Resolution 520, Considerations Regarding Appropriate Raise Pool Policy Principles for Inflation and Market Adjustment, which suggests a path forward for distribution of the raise pool that was awarded by the state Legislature. Senator Sprout-Ahrenholtz offered an amendment to adjust the language, and the motion was brought to a vote. The amendment was accepted unanimously. Senator Marks offered an amendment. The amendment was accepted unanimously. Senator Hawes offered an amendment. The amendment was accepted unanimously. By voice vote, Resolution 520 was accepted unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 5:52pm; seconded and carried.