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Minutes
Monday, September 28, 2026

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:16pm on Monday, September 28th, 2026, in the Senate Chambers of the University of Wyoming Union. Some Faculty Senate members and guests appeared via Zoom.

Members Absent: Vladimir Alvarado, Gabriel Barrile, Roger Coupal, Ray Fertig, John Hewlett, George Mocsary, Lydia Nganga, Brandon Roberts, Scott Schell, Taylor Stuemky,

Guests Present: Anne Alexander (*Provost),* Shelly Dodd (*Director of Admissions*), Mandy Gifford (*Chief of Staff to the Provost)*

A motion was called to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
A motion was called to approve the minutes of September 14th, 2026. Motion carried.

General Announcements

Chair provide an update on the up-and-coming SAPPs that will be brought to Senate.

Chair noted that AI Boodle Box Ambassadors have begun training and will be rolling out to individual departments and colleges in the coming weeks.

Chair noted that there will be a new permanent venue for Faculty Senate, Room 123 in the College of Business. The next meeting is October 19th.

Chair noted that there will be a proposal on new workflows for SAPP consideration by Faculty Senate.

Chair noted that Faculty Senate is supporting the UW Votes campaign.

Chair's Report

Chair noted that new legislation being introduced by the State is granting the community colleges the opportunity to submit for accreditation for their own "applied" 4-year degrees. Chair noted that only the applied technology degree being proposed received University of Wyoming support. Chair noted that UW does not get to contribute in a straight "yes/no" fashion, that ultimately the decision rests with the Wyoming Community College Commission and the Higher Learning Commission. Chair reiterated the UW's role is advisory.

Other Reports

Nathan Corley provided an update about the work of ASUW. Several events were reported to be highly successful, unique, and effective. ASUW is has cultivated a First-Year Senate and is pleased to report that it is fully staffed and is moving forward. Nathan discussed several projects that are being advanced by ASUW, including student surveys, the voter registration event, and encouraging people and students to engage with campus.

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Staff Senate President Joe Castillo was on hand to provide a report on Staff Senate, noting that he is recently elected and that there are other positions on Staff Senate that are being elected soon. Staff Senate committees are working and there are several events across campus that Staff Senate is shaping and preparing for, notably the Winter Carnival.

None of the standing committees were present to provide a report. Chair noted that APC (*Academic Planning Committee*) and SIC (*Student Interaction Committee*) have been requested to report at the next full meeting.

Other Business

Provost Anne Alexander addressed the Faculty Senate. She spoke about her gratitude to Faculty Senators for serving. Then she addressed the forthcoming USP programs that is being proposed to Faculty Senate. Primary changes to the proposal include optional experiential learning and there an emerging technology and digital learning component. Provost Alexander then addressed the changing circumstances behind the Accessibility requirements and the tools which have been developed for assisting faculty in being compliant with federal law. Alexander then spoke about the Great Colleges survey results. The President of the University is addressing the results of that survey and is finalizing a list of immediate priority concerns. Provost Alexander then addressed the Chemical Stockroom situation that arose over the summer. She commented directly on that situation, sharing a message drafted by Chad regarding the issues, and noted that regulatory requirements by necessity indicated that the stockroom needed to be moved. Provost Alexander further noted that the Dean search for CEPS is being officially un-paused, and the search will proceed. She then opened the floor to questions. Several Senators posed questions, and Alexander addressed those questions. One of those questions centered around the work of the Space-Allocation Committee, and provost explained the membership of the Committee and how it functions and promised better communication in the future.

Shelley Dodd, Director of Admissions and Interim Vice Provost, addressed the Faculty Senate regarding enrollment data for the University of Wyoming. The picture is positive, but overall enrollment is down slightly. She emphasized the role of faculty in securing further recruitment, noting that personal connections between prospective students and faculty can make the difference. Director Dodd provided the data in a presentation. Dodd took questions from Senators, which were then answered by her and Provost Alexander. Chair Godby provided some additional information related to the enrollment statistics, citing specific numbers and reports he's received and is willing to share. Godby reiterated the necessity and value of maintaining a strong undergraduate enrollment, and its tie to programs, funding and capability.

The Faculty Senate then discussed the open positions which are currently available on the Executive Committee. Tiger Robison put forth a motion to accept the candidates as a slate instead of requiring a formal vote. Secretary Marks seconded. By voice vote, the slate was accepted and the new members were accepted as Members-At-Large on the Executive Committee.

Chair Godby then noted that the proposed changes in the By-Laws will be returned to the Faculty Senate for further consideration.

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Chair Godby then spoke about the responsibilities of the Faculty Senate, its specific areas of delegated power and authority. He noted that at the next session, changes are being proposed to regulation 2-109. Chair described two major changes, Academic Notice and Academic Amnesty.

Chair Godby then spoke about the changing workflow processes around SAPPs. These are focused on those core areas of delegated authority over which Faculty Senate has jurisdiction. Chair noted that there's now a formal process behind whether a SAPP comes before Faculty Senate, and that the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate will decide on whether the proposed SAPP appears before the full Senate.

Chair Godby then discussed with the results of the Great Colleges Survey. He detailed some of the findings from the results of the survey and his personal analysis of those results. Moreover, Chair Godby offered to share his analysis with Faculty Senate.

Chair Godby then opened the floor to commentary from the Senators who want to address any issues before the full body.

Motion to adjourn at 5:22pm; seconded and carried.