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Minutes
Monday, October 19th, 2026

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:16pm on Monday, October 19th, 2026, in Room 123 of the College of Business of the University of Wyoming Union. Some Faculty Senate members and guests appeared via Zoom.

Members Absent: Lauren Camp, Roger Coupal, Dana Dittoe, Jakes Hawes, Barbara Hickman, Madeleine Lewis, George Mocsary, Lydia Nganaga, Brandon Roberts, Crystal Sieger.

Guests Present: Anne Alexander (*Provost*), Mandy Gifford (*Chief of Staff to the Provost)*, Nycole Courney *(Vice President for Student Affairs)* Abby Markley *(Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Student Success & Graduation)*, Shane Reeves *(President of the University of Wyoming),* Craig Sheets (*Executive Vice President)*.

A motion was called to suspend the agenda so that President Reeves could address the Senate; seconded and carried.
A motion was called to approve the agenda; seconded and carried.
A motion was called to approve the minutes of September 28th, 2026; seconded and carried.

Chair's Report

Chair Godby advised the Senate that the Executive Committee is working on several SAPs through the coming weeks, some of which will not come before the full senate, and some of which will.

Chair Godby advised the Senate that there are three nominations for the Faculty Senate Speaker Series.

Chair further noted that the Website Accessibility features have already been rolled out through Canvas, and that there is a deadline in April to make sure that course materials are compliant with federal law.

Chair noted that the "Footnote 9" working group has submitted its report and list, to the Trustees in November and will be presented to the legislature in December and the legal requirements from Footnote 9 will have been met.

Chair noted that there is a candidates' forum, "Meet the Candidates", on October 28th in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Other Reports

Nathan Corley, from ASUW, was on hand to provide a report. He provided updates on Fall-Fest and Safe-Treat, both events are being sponsored by ASUW. He further provided an update on the legislation that ASUW is working on, including the creation of a Graduate Student Council that's advocating for increased stipends for Graduate Students. ASUW also has a resolution regarding AI-use at the University of Wyoming. First year Senate has been established and is up and running,

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with first year senators being assigned to ASUW committees. Last Friday, ASUW sponsored the tour of a data center. He further noted that ASUW in in the process of revamping their institutional website.

No representative from Staff Senate was present to report.

Jared Studyvin, Chair - Academic Planning Committee, provided a brief update on the work of the Academic Planning Committees, noting that there were no program proposals this semester.

Casey Frome, Chair - FASRRC, noted that his committee will be reviewing changes to Title IX, and Process B pursuant to Title IX investigations.

Other Business

President Reeves addressed the Faculty Senate, speaking on the idea of accelerating the possibility of a third new dorms constructions, and commented further that dorm life is critical to the success of the University. President Reeves further commented that students really enjoy the relationships they have with their instructors and faculty members. President Reeves thanked the faculty for that personal touch and emphasized the role of a dynamic campus culture being responsible for driving UW's success. He thanked the faculty for their dedication to research. President Reeves expressed appreciation for the faculty and all they do. President Reeves discussed the future of the University of Wyoming, expressing optimism about the future and his belief that the future of the University is heading towards an ascent, despite a decrease in enrollment. President Reeves emphasized the role of excellent professors as a marketing and recruiting mechanism, encouraging them to 'keep doing what they do'. President Reeves took questions from the floor. In answer to that question, he spoke about the necessity of becoming more competitive and spoke on his vision of transforming the University of Wyoming into a regional powerhouse and of national prominence.

Chair Godby provided a report to the Senate regarding the resolutions that were missing from last year's work. Faculty Senate Committee Bylaws, Faculty Senate Bylaws, and the Graduate Committee outside member. Chair noted that many of these things will be brought back to the Senate for consideration and potential re-evaluation.

Nycole Courtney then addressed the Senate, regarding the issues related to student retention and stuck in a 'hole' of academic probation and related academic issues. Nycole noted that the changes being proposed are to give students a little more leeway, a runway, where they can recover rather than leaving the University because they end up on Academic Probation at the end of their first semester. Abby Markley then noted that the proposal being considered affects only the first 30-credits of University of Wyoming credits., and that there is a regional/competitor precedent from other institutions. Nycole and Abby took several questions from a variety of senators. This is related to Resolution 521: Revisions to University Regulation 2-109 Academic Probation and Suspension - which was introduced to the Faculty Senate, accompanied by a Presentation from Nycole Courtney and Abby Markley.

Resolution 522: Resolution Regarding Shared Governance and Institutional Space Allocations – was introduced to the Faculty Seante. Chair offered some commentary about the

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origins of this resolution and then opened the floor to commentary and potential amendments or clarifications to the languages. Senators Frome, Fertig and Aiken offered potential language for addition to the resolution.

Senator Hartmann, from Philosophy and Religious Studies, put a request before the Senate that minors be considered in the bureaucratic/administrative calculus where Low Producing Programs are evaluated. Chair Godby responded by noting that there is a Low Producing programs committee that is being formed to consider alternative ways to think about low-producing programs.

Motion to adjourn at 5:12pm; second and carried.