

**Executive Committee – Faculty Senate
Minutes**

Monday, March 10, 2025

Attendance: Ray Stuart Fertig III (*Chair*), Gregg Cawley (*Member-at-Large*), Tiger Robison (*Member-at-Large*), Treva Sprout-Ahrenholtz (*Secretary*), Vladimir Alvarado (*Member-at-Large*), Rob Godby (*Chair-Elect*).

Absent: Ashley Hope Carlisle (*Member-at-Large*)

Guest(s): Mandy Gifford, Jim Ahern

Meeting called to order at 12:21p

Motion for the approval of the agenda was made, seconded, and carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last session was made, seconded, and carried.

Reminders

Spring Faculty Senate Speaker Series Event – To be held tomorrow at 2pm in the East Yellowstone Ballroom

Chair's Report

Cabinet Updates:

Academic Affairs is working with the implementation group regarding the passage of the anti-DEI bill through Wyoming legislature. Primary concern of the group seems to be preventing institutional discrimination, and the focus of the group is advocacy rather than inquiry into current/forbidden practices.

- Mandy Gifford had some information to relate regarding the DEI bill, listed some of the personnel that were involved in the committee. There will be several open discussion sessions, and other resources have been deployed to drive home the point that UW Administration is not interested in “policing” professors.
- Secretary Sprout brought up some concerns about streamlining the course-name changing process.

An evaluation of what it would cost the university to provide a 1% raise across the board is roughly equal to 1.9 million dollars, and without an increase in appropriations from the state legislature this is difficult to implement. The committee noted that the 2-million-

dollar Super-Bowl advertisement could've been used to provide raises, if it had been earmarked accordingly.

The Budget Model Working Group provided a very early, and extremely simple draft model of forthcoming budgets that link college budgets to student credit hours taught and degrees completed. The next step will be to discuss with the college deans and get their feedback on proposed models.

- Chair further remarked about the particulars regarding this model, and how the complexities of interlinking departments and various non-academic purposes are intertwined on campus.

Other Business

Discussion was then had over the proposed "Union Policies and Procedures" SAPP. No one on the committee raised any concerns over the SAPP, and it was added to the agenda for the next Faculty Senate session for a confirmation vote (3/24).

Discussion was then had over the proposed "Preventing Human Trafficking" SAPP. Some discussion over the impact and effects of the SAPP, relating to government grants, contracts, and the specificities. Questions were noted for Tara Evans, who will be invited to speak to FS Exec. VP Jim Ahern and VP Parag Chitnis will be invited as well. SAPP will be held off for consideration until later.

The committee then turned to the consideration of the academic proposals for the HAUB school, and the specificities surrounding the "certificate" issue. No serious objections were otherwise raised, and pending resolution of the questions, will be introduced to Faculty Senate.

The committee then turned its attention to the Concealed Carry on Campus SAPP. Discussion over the legislature's permission for open carry on UW Campus, as modified by administrative actions on the part of the UW President. Further recommendations were made by Chair for modifications to the proposed SAPP. Discussion of the benefits of disclosing the actual process to obtain a concealed carry permit in the state. Chair made further recommendations about "What to do if I see a gun on campus?" section of the SAPP, and additional clarification on verbiage. Further discussion of the impact of the new Wyoming state law, and the ramifications of the law on campus.

The committee then turned its attention to the Drone SAPP being considered by UW Administration. Discussion of legality and administrative policy clashing with federal law, as well as the nature of the policy itself. Discussion of whether there is a valid reason to put the SAPP into play and whether the policy is proactive in attempting to prevent issues. Drone SAPP will be held off for consideration until later.



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Motion to adjourn made at 1:16p.