

Faculty Senate – Executive Committee

Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2025

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

Absent:

Guest(s): Mandy Gifford (*Chief of Staff to the Provost*), Evan Johnson (*Faculty Member – CHS*)

Meeting called to order at 12:21pm.

Motion to approve agenda; seconded, carried.

Motion to approve minutes of last session; seconded, carried.

Chairs Report:

1. School of Computing 2-13 Update:
 - a. Chair was copied on charge letter to Cam and Gabrielle, which requires their report to the Provost by February 28. Faculty Senate will receive it shortly afterward for review. Tentative plans to introduce the report on 3/3, and introduction to the full senate on 3/10, and voting on 3/24.
2. Cabinet Updates
 - a. Reviewed cost of attendance and Cowboy Commitment structure has resulted in significant millions of dollars of savings from UW block grant. Chair discussed some of the pitfalls of the changes.
 - b. Chair has asked Interim VP of IT, Jen Chavez to come speak with Senate in 2 weeks about this (and other AI-related issues) on 2/24.
 - i. 3 employees were scammed out of their paychecks via sophisticated phishing schemes. Spoofing and Duo-Mobile were involved.
 - c. Roundtable held with suggestions for priorities. Most VPs present focused on priorities for their individual units.
 - i. Chair suggested that UW continues to face salary problems for both faculty and staff, which is problematic when considering hiring of new faculty and staff. Chair has suggested a comprehensive compensation plan that incorporates regular COLAs needs to be developed. Adam Comeau (Staff Senate President) reiterated this concern.
 - d. Academic Forum
 - i. Two new goals (student success + one more strategic plan related goal) will only apply to staff – will not be incorporated into faculty annual goals.
 - ii. University exploring ways to better participate in dual enrollment in high schools – presumably via online offerings.
3. Senate/Committee Updates
 - a. Evan Johnson addressed the Executive Committee in executive session.



Other Business:

1. Reminders:
 - a. Faculty Town Hall with the President will be held on Wednesday, February 26 from 4-5 in Family Room at Union
 - b. Chair declined putting a faculty member on the Parking Committee
 - c. Spring Faculty Senate Speaker Series will be held on March 11, 2:10-3 in Family Room – Jennifer Stephens – The Amazing and Colorful History of Nursing in Wyoming
2. Provost invited to attend the Senate to address the School of Computing 2-13 process report.
3. Discussion of the Super-Bowl Advertisement: Produced all in house and received positive feedback. Mixed results from broader constituents, especially from outside of the University, mostly concerned about the price tag and dubious effectiveness.
4. Discussion of SAPPs changes and language clarification.

Motion to adjourn at 12:41p; seconded, carried.