

**FACULTY SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

September 30, 2024

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**OFFICERS:** Ray Stuart Fertig III, *Chair*; Treva Sprout-Ahrenholtz, *Secretary*; Rob Godby, *Chair-elect*; Vladimir Alvarado, Gregg Cawley, Ashley Hope Carlisle and Tiger Robison, *Members-at-Large*.

**Guests:** Matt Griswold, *Vice Provost for Online and Continuing Education*.

Chair Ray Fertig called the meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) to order at 12:06 pm.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda for September 30; made seconded and carried. The Chair called for a motion to approve the amended minutes of September 23; made seconded and carried.

The Chair reported that on Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 PM there would be a faculty town hall with President Seidel. The Chair reported that on October 7<sup>th</sup>, Sammy Peter would be meeting with the Committee to discuss Digital Literacy, and that he had invited Gabrielle Allen to attend as well.

The Chair reported that he had asked Chief of Staff Gifford to provide him with a draft of the new University Studies Plan but thus far had not received one. The Chair expressed concern that the timeline was rushed and that the five week deadline was not realistic.

The Chair reported that he had not received any new information regarding Faculty webpages. The chair expressed concern that this would harm the ability of faculty members to conduct their research efficiently.

The Chair reported that the Board of Trustees had discussed implementing a phased retirement plan at the University, and that the Board of Trustees was concerned with the potential costs, as well as deciding to postpone further discussions to a later date. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that the Board of Trustees discussed enrollment efforts, and that the administrations presentation emphasized that they had increased the number of applicants but had failed to improve the number of actual attendees. The Chair noted that the Trustees were considering reorganizing the way in which the University recruit's new students. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that Board of Trustees had directed Mike Smith to develop a policy around concealed carry for review by the Board of Trustees. The Chair noted that this likely meant that there would be a change to the current policy. The Committee discussed. The Chair asked the Committee for feedback regarding the faculty luncheon with the Board of Trustees. The Committee discussed.

The Chair yielded the floor to Matt Griswold to discuss online enrollment. Vice Provost Griswold thanked the Committee and asked the committee if they had seen the documents that he had disseminated beforehand. The Committee responded yes. Vice Provost Griswold reported that he had seen increases in the number of online students following students and that the number of students that would consider an online program was increasing state-wide. Vice Provost Griswold then reviewed the questions that had been asked in their survey's, the demographics of these students and their programs of interest.

Vice Provost Griswold highlighted that the institutions that were attracting Wyoming students typically either were already well-established institutions, reached out before the University of Wyoming was able to, or had a larger marketing power than the University was able to wield. The Committee discussed. Vice Provost Griswold then reviewed the number of program completions among these students. The Committee discussed.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Faculty Senate Agenda of October 7, 2024. Motion made and seconded. A motion was made to amend the agenda to add discussion with Matt Griswold, Vice Provost for Online and Continuing Education. Motion made, seconded, and carried. The Chair called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Committee at 1:53 PM. Made, seconded, and carried.