Faculty Senate University of Wyoming

Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting of 7 February 2022

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Adrienne Freng at 3:10 p.m., on February 7, 2022. Faculty Senate members and guests were able to join via Zoom.

The roll was called by Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, with the following senators not in attendance and not represented by official alternate or by proxy: David Bodily, Chealsye Bowley, Bree Doering, Kit Freedman, Franz-Peter Griesmaier, Donna Harris, John Hoberg, Paddington Hodza, Scott Lake, Rochelle McCoy, Steven L. Miller, Lydiah Nganga, Ginger Paige, Sasha Skiba, and Trey Todd.

Chair Freng called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made, seconded, and carried. Chair Freng called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair's Report started with recent talks at the executive committee. VP Barrett and Misty Eaton on Equitable Access about book costs and VP Barrett and Jess Willford on Early Alert increasing to the sophomore level classes. The exec committee asked questions and brought up concerns to the guests. Freng asked to let her know if there were other questions.

Chair Freng and Chair-Elect Laegreid met with Provost Carman. He introduced the idea of reexamining job percentages that are more in line with a research institution as we move towards Research I. Provost Carman will be at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

The Senates were going to talk about Shared Governance, but the meeting was canceled because of the search for the VP for Research and Development.

Staff Senate report included a presentation by Vice Provost Ahern on a proposal for reinstituting the Graduate School. There was an update on capital construction, and it was reported that the Ivinson parking garage should be finished by November 2022. There will be 350 spaces and it will cost approximately \$400 for a parking permit. Dorms should start construction in mid to late summer and the Union parking lot will be shut down soon after that. Staff Senate gave out 10, \$100 scholarships recently to Staff. This is a budget year, and the institution is asking for money for the Law School, the pool and the stadium. Human Resources have many trainings available. They also want to remind everyone that Deer Oaks is there to help.

The VP for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Search Committee hopes to have an ad out for candidates this month. Cliff Marks will represent the Senate in the Search Committee for the VP in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

The Board of Trustees are set to review the mask policy next week. Recommendations will be presented to President and the Board of Trustees.

Chair Freng opened the floor for committee reports.

Ali Nejadmalayeri said the Economic Development Committee has not met yet, but they need to make a final report by June.

Conflict of Interest Committee met and Chair Freng asked anyone interested in working on this needs to get in touch with her.

Strategic Planning Committee will hold their first meeting this Thursday.

Member-at-Large Cliff Marks said the VP for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Search has not met yet. Chair Freng said they hope to put out an ad for the position this month.

Academic Planning Committee (APC) have met and reviewed the Minor in Biomedical Engineering, and concluded the proposal was well written and perceived no issues. It was remanded back to the department for implementation.

University Studies Program Planning Committee report started with Secretary Sprout Ahrenholtz stating that they have met and are working on guiding principles.

Chair Freng asked for volunteers to work on the Calendar Committee. Tiger Robison indicated that he was interested.

Chair Freng reminded everyone to put in your comments for the candidates for VP for Research and Development.

Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London talked about Trustee Engagement and then asked for suggestions and feedback.

Dr. John Koprowski Dean gave a presentation on the WORTH (Wyoming Outdoor Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality) Initiative. Questions followed the presentation.

Chair Freng brought up a discussion on the priorities for the future direction of UW.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:37 pm.

A quick poll was conducted to see if the next meeting should be held in-person or via Zoom. The next meeting will be held via Zoom only.

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Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary Dated: February 8, 2022