Faculty Senate University of Wyoming

Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting of 11 April 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 April 11, 2022, in the Family Room, University of Wyoming Union. Additional FS 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: William Cain, James Creel, Anne Guzzo, Scott Lake, Rochelle McCoy, Jerod Merkle, Steve Miller, Shane Murphy, Lydiah Nganga, Tiger Robison and Denis Shannon.

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 March 28, 2022; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair's report started with a report of the Staff Senate from Chair-Elect Laegreid. She stated that President Seidel spoke about pay raises and Staff Senate Bill 53 passed on restructuring Staff Senate. Chair-Elect also said Paul Kunkel talked about parking. He will be at the Faculty Senate meeting on April 25th.

Chair Freng said Academic Forum met and discussed the Carnegie Engaged element and were given updates on the Dean Search in the College of Business.

The Chair said in last two weeks she has attended many meetings with the President, the Provost and the Cabinet and the meetings have been productive.

President Seidel will present the pay raise proposal to the Trustees in May.

Committee Reports started with Ali Nejadmalayeri from Economic Development. He said they went over the existing programs and their history. The next meeting will be on the 20th.

Chair Freng said she got the report from the Faculty Academic Standards, Rights and Responsibilities Committee on the Conflict of Interest SAPP this morning. She has received quite a few comments and they are currently working on the next steps.

Strategic Planning is still holding idea labs or unit discussions. Chair Freng anticipates the first draft will be finished in May.

Cliff Marks from VP for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Search Committee read part of the job description to the Senate. They are planning on interviews in August.

Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz reported the University Studies Program Planning Committee is in the data collection phase now.

Family and Consumer Science Review Committee have met with the Agriculture Dean and the Education Deans said Roger Coupal.

Graduate Council and APC will have a report for the next meeting.

Chair-Elect Laegreid reported the Parking Committee had its first meeting last week. Paul Kunkel will be here next meeting to talk about the new parking permits, the new technology and parking spaces old and new.

The Student Interaction Committee is in the process of reviewing the Student Code of Conduct.

Blake McGee went to the recent FERPA training luncheon. He reported on what is a student record according to FERPA and how they should be handled.

Chair Freng also wanted to remind everyone that tomorrow, Dr. John Pierre will speak in the Union Family Room at 4:10 on "Improving the Reliability of the World's Largest Interconnected Machine the U.S. Electric Power Grid". Dr. Pierre is the Spring 2022 Faculty Senate Speaker Series winner.

Vice Provost Kyle Moore then gave a presentation on Test Optional Admissions. Questions and discussion followed.

After giving the background of the Faculty Senate bylaws and committees, Chair Freng recognized Member-at-Large Jeff Miller, who introduced Senate Bill 349, a SAPP for Faculty Senate Committees. Janelle Krueger introduced Senate Bill 350, a SAPP for Faculty Senate Bylaws. Chair Freng reminded everyone there will be discussions and voting at the April 25th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 4:34 pm.