Faculty Senate University of Wyoming

Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting of 25 April 2022

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Adrienne Freng at 3:12 p.m., on April 25, 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: Michael Barker, William Cain, Roger Coupal, Bree Doering, William Downs, Jeff Edwards, Thomas Grant, Donna Harris, Scott Lake, Rochelle McCoy, Steve Miller, Lydiah Nganga, Ginger Paige, and William "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 April 11, 2022; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair's report started with an outline of the Board of Trustee meeting. They have set their summer COVID plan. She sent out a legislative summary from Bill Mai with the meeting packet.

The Chair had a salary meeting. The Board of Trustees packet will have more specifics about the plan, which is still being worked on. The recommendations suggest a larger amount go to those individuals with the lowest paying jobs.

Chair Freng announced that all of the items sent in the packets should be shared with your constituents and there needs to be a quorum at the next meeting for the resolutions being voted on. Also, the Spring Convocation is coming soon.

The Chair opened the committee reports with Ali Nejadmalayeri on Economic Development. He said that they met last week and had three state level guests.

Strategic Planning is continuing unit discussions and two additional idea labs are available. One on April 28, "What do you need from WyoCloud to help make you successful?" and the other one on May 3, "Research Infrastructure and Computing Across the Mission". Chair Freng anticipates the first draft will be finished in May.

Member-at-Large Cliff Marks said everyone should have gotten an email asking if anyone knows of a candidate who would be good in the position of VP for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Jacquelyn Bridgeman asked everyone to fill out the survey from the University Studies Program Planning Committee. They have had great response from students but need more responses from faculty. The survey is available until April 29th.

The Family and Consumer Science Review Committee are finishing up their work putting together a report. Their recommendations should be going to the Provost soon.

Chair-Elect Laegreid said they had their first meeting April 4 in the AVP for Human Resources Search. Early May should see the portal open for applications. They hope to have candidates here in the summer.

Alyson Hagy gave the Faculty Athletics Report. She talked about mental health in the athletes, good GPAs during the pandemic. She also talked about the facilities slated for a refresh including the pool. She announced she will be vacating the Athletics Representative after 16 years.

The Academic Information Technology Committee Report given by Oksana Wasilik said no charges were given to the committee this year and so there was nothing to report.

Courtney McKim for the Faculty Recognition & Development Committee Report said they have met several times and have worked on several award selections.

The APC Report given by Gregg Cawley said they reviewed the Graduate School Proposal and the 3+3 Program Proposal. The Academic Planning Committee okayed both of these proposals.

Tucker Readdy, chair for the Graduate Council, also indicated that they had approved both the Graduate School Proposal and the 3+3 Program Proposal and they are working on temporary bylaws.

The Student Interaction Committee is looking over the student code of conduct.

Faculty Academic Standards, Rights, and Responsibilities Committee Report said they had a very busy year working on the Faculty Senate Bylaws. Janelle Krueger said that they also reviewed the employee handbook, the Optional Admission Testing proposal and the Conflict of Interest SAPP.

Kimberly Schweitzer from the Research Advisory Committee said she served on the VP for Research and Economic Development Committee. The RAC also looked into the annual Faculty Grant-in-Aid selections.

Alan Romero from the University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee deliberated on eleven cases this year and submitted their recommendations to the Provost. They will also pass on possible policy recommendation to Provost Carman regarding the T&P process.

Chair Freng announced the Carnegie Engagement Committee is getting volunteers.

Director of Parking and Transit, Paul Kunkel gave a presentation on parking. Then took questions and comments.

Provost Carman gave a couple brief updates on The Shorelight Team, Carnegie Engagement, and the Gender Studies discussion. He then brought up topics for discussion about the mechanics of the Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion process. He took questions and comments. He also reminded everyone that the Convocation is Friday at 9 am in the Union Ballroom.

Senate Resolution 404, "Resolution in Support of Instituting the School of Graduate Education" was introduced by Chair Freng. VP Ahern gave a brief background and need of the proposal.

Senate Resolution 405, "Resolution Regarding Optional Admission Testing" was introduced by Chair Freng. VP Moore summarized the need for this resolution.

Senate Resolution 406, "Resolution Regarding Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance; Regulation 2-13" was introduced by Chair Freng with notes on clarifying this regulation.

Senate Resolution 407, "Resolution Regarding the 3+3 QuickStart Program between the School of Energy Resources and the College of Law" was introduced by Chair Freng. Klint Alexander, Holly Krutka and Kami Danaei spoke on the need of this proposal to keep highly qualified students here at the University.

Senate Resolution 408, "Resolution Regarding the Standard Administrative Policies and Procedures (SAPP); Conflict of Interest" was introduced by Chair Freng. Janelle Krueger and Casey Frome from Faculty Academic Standards, Rights & Responsibilities Committee asked for this information to please go out to all faculty. If you have any amendments, please let Chair Freng know.

Senate Bill 349, "A Bill for a Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure (SAPP), Faculty Senate Committees" was opened for discussion or amendments. Jeff Miller had two amendments for the USP section. There was a change of the Haub School name to be consistent throughout the bill. Amendment on the Committee on Committees and Executive Committee be taken off the committees list on page one. Amendment on the Research Advisory Committee name be added on the committees list on page one, (the RAC section was already a part of the SAPP). Amendment for the composition numbers of committees. Amendment for the correction of 2-116. Amendment for consistency of representatives from the colleges. All these amendments were made into motion, seconded and passed. The amended Senate Bill 349 was then moved to accept. It was seconded, no discussion and Senate Bill 349 carried.

Senate Bill 350, "A Bill for a Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure (SAPP), Faculty Senate Bylaws" was introduced. Member-at-Large Jeff Miller made a motion to table the bill to the May 9th meeting, as a section on the Committee on Committees was overlooked and needed to be added. It was seconded and discussion followed. Tabling the Bill until May 9th carried.

Chair Freng called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made, seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm. and went into Executive Session.