

University of Wyoming
President's Cabinet Meeting

April 17, 2025

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. · Old Main Boardroom and via Zoom

Attendees: Chad Baldwin, Tom Burman, Jennifer Chavez, Parag Chitnis, Adam Comeau, Nycole Courtney, Tara Evans, Rob Godby, Alex Kean, Kelsey Kyne, Bob Link, RoseMarie London, Bill Mai, Ed Seidel, Mike Smith, John Stark, Scott Turpen

Agenda and Summary of Discussion

- President Seidel provided opening remarks.
 - President Seidel welcomed Rob Godby, Faculty Senate Chair-elect to Cabinet.
 - President Seidel reminded all members of Cabinet that they are encouraged to bring agenda items to the meeting and that his expectation is that information is shared throughout Cabinet member's units and that feedback is returned to Cabinet, as appropriate.
 - President Seidel discussed the possibility of a Dean representative joining the Cabinet. He discussed this possibility with the Deans earlier in the week and they will decide whether or not to pursue this option.
- Interim Provost Turpen announced the appointment of Danny Dale as the Interim Dean of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences and indicated a search for the next Dean will launch in the summer.
- Vice President Chitnis led a discussion on federal funding updates.
 - Vice President Chitnis announced the Temporary Restraining Order on the Department of Energy's action to cap indirect cost recovery to 15% for existing grants.
 - Vice President Chitnis indicated that if all federal agencies implemented a 15% cap on indirect cost recovery, UW would lose approximately \$8 million annually.
 - Research and Economic Development regularly updates its [website](#) and works closely with Principal Investigators, department heads, Deans, and others to ensure UW personnel and projects are supported.
- Vice President Kean led a discussion on possibilities for the University to support employees who are 100% funded by federal grants and receive a stop work order.

This topic was also discussed with the Deans earlier in the week. Guidance is being finalized and will be shared with Cabinet and Deans.

- Vice President and General Counsel Evans led a discussion on the draft Equal Opportunity, Prohibited Efforts and Functions, and Institutional Discrimination SAP and the March 26 “Further Guidance” Document. She indicated she has received comments and proposed modifications from several divisions, colleges, and units and has extended the deadline to allow Faculty Senate to provide its comments. Vice President Evans will send an updated draft to campus for another feedback cycle as soon as Faculty Senate comments are received. Vice President Evans indicated that the “Further Guidance” document was intended to provide temporary guidance until further research on the federal compliance landscape could be conducted. The Office of General Counsel has conducted additional research that may enable UW to relax some of this guidance.