

**FACULTY SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
Laramie, Wyoming**

Minutes of the Meeting
of
November 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Freng at 3:30 p.m., on November 8, 2021, in the Family Room, University of Wyoming Union. Additional 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: Barker, Bell, Bowley, Cain, Coupal, Creel, Freedman, Hoberg, Lake, McCoy, S. Miller, and Todd.

Chair Freng called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made and seconded. Chair-Elect Renee Laegreid moved to amend the agenda by adding Dr. Bryan Shader to speak on the School of Computing. Motion seconded and carried. The agenda, as amended, was approved.

Chair Freng called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 25th, 2021; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair's report started with an introduction of Tracy Blakeman as the new Senate Coordinator. Then Chair Freng provided an overview of several of the meetings she attended this past week. The meetings included discussion about the revised plan that was unveiled last Friday, which would allow time for more conversation to see if, or where refiguring needs to occur. Freng encouraged everyone to look at the proposal on the Board of Trustees website. To find the five motions the Board of Trustees will be voting on during their meeting November 17-19, 2021, you can click on this link and go to page 8.

http://www.uwyo.edu/trustees/_files/docs/2021_board_meetings/2021_nov_supplemental/2021_nov_report.pdf

Additional topics included: updates on the searches for the VP for Research and Economic Development, the College of Business Dean and the College of Health Sciences Dean; the Search Equity Advisors program; Admissions; and COVID boosters. Chair Freng also reported on a meeting with Provost Carman in which she and Chair Elect Laegreid encouraged the Provost to use the reorganization delay not just to engage in a conversation about implementation, but a larger conversation about how the reorganization will fit within the larger strategic plan. The Provost will be coming to the November 29th meeting. Vice Provost Ahern will speak at the November 29th, Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the Graduate School Resolution.

Chair-Elect Renee Laegreid called for nominations of Faculty Senate officers for next year. Offices open are chair-elect, secretary (one-year term), and two members-at-large (two-year terms). She requested that interested individuals send a short CV and stump speech to the Faculty Coordinator Tracy Blakeman. Speeches will be given in January and the election will be held in February.

Misty Eaton and Eric Webb were introduced and gave a presentation on Equitable Access to Course Materials. Eaton then took questions and feedback after the presentation.

Dr. Bryan Shader gave an update and presentation on the School of Computing proposal. He talked about an incubation period, how the school can evolve, and the 4-year starting budget. Questions and feedback were then fielded by Shader.

Chair Freng brought to the floor Senate Resolution 396, Resolution Regarding the Recommendations of Academic Planning Committee – 2-13 Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance Recommendations. Chair-Elect Renee Laegreid made a motion to rescind this resolution based on the fact that it had already served its purpose to inform. Freng asked for discussion, there was none, the motion was then seconded and carried.

Chair Freng brought to the floor Senate Resolution 397, Resolution Regarding the Recommendations of Graduate Council – 2-13 Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance Recommendations. Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz made a motion to rescind this resolution again based on the fact that it had already served its purpose to inform. Freng asked for discussion. After some discussion, the motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 5:19 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Treva E Sprout Ahrenholtz".

Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary

Dated: November 9, 2021