The meeting commenced at 4:33 p.m.

I. Welcome

Dr. Nicole Reisdorph, President of the Faculty Senate for 2013-2014, called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting

Allison Heru motioned to approve the minutes, which was seconded.

Minutes from the December 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting were unanimously approved.

III. Dean’s Comments

Dean Krugman was present and discussed his announced resignation and the process to do that. In the next 3-4 months he will help to coordinate the process of the search for a replacement. A search committee will be formed for the system director is ongoing and the Dean is helping. He indicated that he believes it is important to do this first and then initiate the search for the Dean. The search for the system director is at the point where the language for the job description is now developed by Witt-Kieffer. The goal is for finalists decided by end of April. So Dean Krugman speculates he will be around until the end of the year.
Mark Deutschman has agreed to be the director of AHEC, which will be an “interimectomy.” Dean Krugman will clear this with the AHEC directors around the state, but this should be fine. He holds the Thompson Chair for Rural Health. Please help Mark out with help at the Stock Show health screenings.

With regard to the affiliations, things are going fine. We will have a meeting next Monday with exempla and National Jewish. The joining of Exempla and NJ will have implications to CU; regular meetings have been ongoing.

The other search going on is to recruit the new head for Barbara Davis Center. Dean Krugman hopes to have more on that at the next faculty senate.

**IV. Discussion and Approval Items**

Dr. Reisdorph: Dr. Wolf will now give us an update on the Education Grant Program.

Dr. Wolf: I was asked at exec committee to update you on the Education Grant Program.

Dr. Wolf presented a powerpoint presentation. There is a changing education landscape at CU. There were several concerns related to this that were noted. The program goals were presented. The grant program design was presented and will be an RFA format. The review process for grants and for funded grant progress was outlined. Special emphasis will be on impact on students, both duration and quality. A range of funding requests will be entertained up to
$175,000 with anticipated capacity for 10 grants. The overall goal is not to individually touch every student but to impact every student across each of the blocks. The RFA should come out by next week.

Dr. Reisdorph: We invited Dr. Wolf here so that you all could disseminate the information back to your departments.

Question from an attendee: Where is the money coming from?

Dean Krugman: From the School of Medicine.

Dr. Reisdorph: How will the RFA be sent out?

Dr. Wolf: By email to block directors and chairs.

Dr. Reisdorph: Dr. Traystman is going to give us an update on indoor air quality for RC1N.

Dr. Traystman: There are several people who about a year and a half ago reported smells and poor air quality as well as adverse health effects including nasal irritations, skin lesions, and heavy breathing and heart palpitations, especially the 9th floor. We took these very seriously and we took measurements for a large variety of compounds. We were unable to find anything that could correlate to these health effects. All of the measures were within safe OSHA levels. Last month, there were continued reports. I commissioned Lee Newman from the School of Public Health to study the indoor air quality. He and his panel did a full study to make sure we monitored everything we should have and to interview the people involved to make sure we were doing everything right to get to the bottom of this. Dr. Newman’s report you have seen. He has made recommendations and
we have already begun to complete these. He also indicated that toxicological chemicals etc. are at levels that are appropriate. However, smells from the vivarium did reach the 9th floor. A chase in the building was not sealed appropriately but is now sealed. We have spent $800,000 so far to address these issues. For those few folks who report that they are still suffering these health effects, we will be moving them to other buildings. I want you to know that this only a small group of people with difficulties, in certain areas of the buildings. We are right on target within the next few months to fully address Dr. Newman's recommendations. Everything is in the report but if there are questions please email or call and I can take questions today.

Dr. Reisdorph: Dr. Lowenstein will now update us on the collaboration consensus statement and conflicts of interest.

A powerpoint presentation was provided by Dr. Lowenstein. Promotional relationships undermine the practice and teaching of evidence-based medicine. Calls for action come from everywhere-JAMA, AAMC, AMSA, IMAP, etc. There is increased media and government scrutiny on medical schools. Promotional speaking, especially by medical school faculty have been especially scrutinized. An example form the Denver Post was provided. Our national rating from AMSA 2007 PharmFree Scorecard was a D. Since then a CU conflict of interest policy has been written, revised, re-revised and adopted in 2008-2009. A number of bans were listed in the policy. The Denver Post has continued to print the names
and numbers of CU faculty who received outside contributions. In 2010 our grade was a B- by AMSA 2007 PharmFree Scorecard, and for 2013 we scored an A.

So we felt pretty good, but then we got an email from IMAP in Academic Medicine indicating we had much room for improvement and that we are ranked in the 37 percentile. Some areas of weakness were outlined. The first of these was continued medical education sponsored by pharma or vendors. The second was that vendor access to faculty, students, or trainees should not be allowed. IMAP found a weak, permissive or no policy found for CU for educational curricula as well.

Dr. Lowenstein introduced the 2nd slide campaign, which has been adopted at CU by the Senate in 2011 but has not been enforced. A “move to the middle” for managing conflicts of interest was presented. Given that IMAP/PEW/AMSA will continue to disclose COI policies of schools, we should continue to strengthen the policies, and make sure we do no “do nothing”.

Dr. Lowenstein then concluded the presentation and asked for questions.

Dr. Polaner: I have never heard of IMAP what is it and who are the people coming up with these policies?

Dr. Lowenstein: Your question is a good one. The webinar I participated in indicated that these ratings organizations are all moving together. I don’t know how far it will go with regard to AAMC.

Dr. Polaner: Do they indicate that there cannot be any sponsored CME?

Dr. Lowenstein: Yes.
Dr. Breeze: I assume the 37th percentile study was unsolicited?

Dr. Lowenstein: Yes.

Dr. Breeze: Who funded the study?

Dr. Lowenstein: I don’t know.

Shamita Punjabi: Who enforces student violations?

Dr. Lowenstein: We do not really have such an enforcement.

Dr. Spillman: I think there is a balance here and these organizations are pushing an ideal. We cannot control all the interactions we may encounter. We also have said that we need increased community participation and the lunch issue may seriously decrease this.

Dr. Lowenstein: I also agree that telling community-based clinicians what to do is not a good idea. At this point, overall I am no concluding much on the next steps we should be taking.

Question from Attendee: What about medical tech sales people. I work in echocardiography and we have reps that demo machines in our hospital. We need to kick the tires and it is very necessary to do this. Do you feel that this should be limited too?

Dr. Lowenstein: Our policy has not banned device reps but they are included in those contact lists. So I would say we are going to change something like that but this may be an example of an area to look at.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Reisdorph adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary