The meeting was called to order by the Senate President. The minutes of the September 8th meeting were approved unanimously.

Dean Reilly outlined the progress of several ongoing searches. He reported that he is in the final stages of negotiations with the finalist for the position of Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology. The search for a new Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs is also nearing completion, as finalists are being considered and interviewed. The Dean is also negotiating with a finalist for the position of Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion.

At Denver Health, searches are underway for new chairs for the Departments of Medicine and Surgery. These searches are in the early stages, and the search committees include representation by School of Medicine faculty. At the VA, the Interim Director has retired, and a newly appointed Director is expected to arrive in November. Of note, Congress did approve funding to bring the construction of the new VA Medical Center to completion. At timetable for completing construction is expected soon.

Finally, in response to a question, the Dean commented regarding the ongoing relationship between Denver Health and the SOM. The Dean emphasized that Denver Health has two important leadership openings (the chairs of Medicine and Surgery, as well as a newly created position of Research Director). It is a time of new priorities and strategic initiatives for Denver Health. Nonetheless, the dean emphasized that the relationship between the SOM and Denver Health remains critical to the School’s research, education and clinical missions and that the SOM will continue to rely on, support and collaborate with Denver Health in all these areas.

Update on Center for Women’s Health Research and Office of Women in Medicine and Science – Judy Regensteiner

Dr. Regensteiner began with an update on the Office of Women in Medicine & Science, which is supported by the Office of the Dean of the School of Medicine and promotes academic careers for women faculty of the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Regensteiner provided information from the most recent AAMC
report which indicated that the statistics about women’s representation in the ranks of leaders in medicine nationwide are concerning. Dr. Regensteiner indicated that there needs to be growth in women’s leadership positions throughout the healthcare industry.

The Office of Women in Medicine and Science provides the following support:

- Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM), which is a year-long program for senior women faculty which provides intense training in leadership, including career development, finance, team building, negotiation, and networking.
- UCSOM Women’s Leadership Training Program, which provides career development, CV review, negotiation skills, and MBTI/EQ evaluations. This program has grown from 12 to 42 participants, and is currently limited on resources to fund space for enrollment.

Additional AAMC programs that are available to women include:

- Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar
- Mid-Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar
- Minority faculty career development seminar, which is also supported by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Dr. Regensteiner then provided an overview of the Center for Women’s Health Research. The Center was created to focus on women’s health, including the sex differences that occur in incidence, presentation, severity and response to treatment of many diseases. These differences are understudied with regard to prevention, diagnosis and treatment. The mission of the Center is to carry out groundbreaking research in cardiovascular disease and diabetes in women, mentor and train the next generation of women’s health researchers, and to advance knowledge through educating the community and health care providers about the findings of research into women’s health and sex differences. The vision for the Center is that it become the top source of research and top-tier researchers information and transforming women’s health worldwide.

The Center was awarded its status by the Regents in 2004, and was launched with a $300,000 private gift that was matched by the Advisory Board. Between 2005 and 2007, the Center received the NIH $2.5 million BIRCWH grant, and awarded the first $25,000 seed grants to junior researchers. In 2011, the Scientific Council was launched, which is comprised of nationally known scientists from around the country who help guide the Center scientifically. In 2014, a faculty development fund was developed, and 10 more seed grants were awarded. To date, 45 faculty have been funded either through seed grants or through the BIRCWH grant. An active Advisory Board is integral to the Center’s success, and private or foundation support totally more than $6 million has been raised. Additionally, an annual luncheon is attended by more than 700 community supporters. Support
from the institution includes opportunities for interdisciplinary research, financial support, and support from the CU Foundation.

The Center provides education to the community and their health care providers, as well as community outreach. Dr. Regensteiner indicated that the community likes to have a relationship with the Institution, and from the community, the Institution gains a broad perspective about health, advice about building programs, and strong philanthropic support.

The Center plans to expand their body of research, fuel the pipeline of future scientists in the field of women’s health and sex differences, and become an authoritative national knowledge sources for the scientific and medical field for women, families and communities. Since the beginning of the Center, $1,000,000 has been awarded to junior faculty in the form of research grants, and this same group of researchers have gone on to receive over $36 million in external grant funding, mostly from the NIH.

The question was asked what the senior scientist research interests included, and she responded that they were mostly cardiovascular, diabetes and gaining. She added that when the Center grows, they will broaden to other areas.

The question was asked about how they can better foster community participation in research? Dr. Regensteiner responded that they are working on teaching people how to speak to the public about the research that is done here. She feels the key to this is Judy Wagner, who is very interested in women’s health. She brought Dr. Regensteiner to the community, and helped build the center. She has worked hard at getting the word out about the funding of research.

Overview of Inworks – John Bennett

John Bennett provided an overview of Inworks, a new initiative at the University of Colorado Denver and Anschutz Medical Campus that draws together individuals from across the two campuses, as well as entrepreneurs and leaders of industry, government, education and the community to address problems of importance to human society. The Mission of Inworks is to build skills that allow people to collaborate and create solutions to problems. They are looking to create innovative solutions to some of the most challenging problems today. This is done by bringing together collaborative innovation and the necessary facilities to produce rapid prototyping.

While Inworks is primarily an educational initiative, they anticipate that innovations in healthcare, healthcare delivery, technology and policy, education and global development will likely develop.

Inworks is currently located on the Downtown Denver Campus, and the space that will be occupied by Inworks on the Anschutz Medical Campus is currently being planned. The downtown facilities offer teaching/workshop areas, digital
creative/prototyping areas, and large “analog” creative/prototyping areas. The proposed Anschutz Medical Campus facilities will be located in Bldg 500 on the 3rd Floor, as well as in the Health Sciences Library.

Inworks offers a comprehensive program that leads to a certificate or minor in Human-Centered Design and Innovation, which began in the Fall 2015, with new courses being introduced over the next year and a half. A speaker series is underway, and they are building partnerships with faculty, industry, K-12 educators and entrepreneurs.

Faculty can get involved with Inworks by getting on their mailing list (visit inworks.org), coming to visit their downtown facilities, responding to Inworks calls for interdisciplinary Course Proposals, or attending the workshops and talks that they offer.

The question was asked regarding whether any courses are available to those that are not in one of the graduate or certificate programs? Mr. Bennett replied that they are working on that; they have just started offering courses this fall. The question was also asked regarding whether they would be interfacing with Bioengineering, and Mr. Bennett answered that he anticipates that there will be some interface; however, not all of the machines are necessarily available to all students. The question was asked whether a prototype could be expected if they collaborated with Inworks? Mr. Bennett answered that yes, a prototype could be developed; however, the staff would not be building the prototype. Individuals could come to the workshop as there is open space available that is open to faculty, staff and the community. The question was asked whether there examples of products that were developed that came from the School of Medicine. Mr. Bennett responded that none had come from the SOM yet. There have been a lot of ideas, but no products yet. Mr. Bennett added that funding for Inworks had originally come from the University.

Contact John Bennett at jkb@ucdenver.edu, or go to http://www.inWorks.org for more information.

Office of CME Update – Brenda Bucklin

Dr. Brenda Bucklin provided an update on the Office of CME, which included an update on ACCME accreditation, current outreach, process improvement, CME Planning, and an update and progress report on MOC-PAP. CME Accreditation was achieved in July 2015 with Commendation awarded. Dr. Bucklin added that only 20% of US organizations receive commendation. The new term will expire July 31, 2021.

With regard to Outreach, the “Learning from Teaching” program was established to recruit and retain preceptors, who can earn up to 50 category AMA PRA 1 credits. The Office is also involved in the Family Medicine Review, which will
occur November 2-6 on the Anschutz Medical Campus. CME, along with the Office of Community Based Medical Education, is sponsoring 4 registrations for preceptors. Discussions regarding the levels of MOC-PAP sponsorship for volunteer faculty is ongoing. Process improvement for resolving conflict of interests for course directors and planners, along with systematic feedback to program directors regarding activity evaluations, and a new application to accommodate new ACCME criteria and to improve format are ongoing.

Dr. Bucklin provided an update on the number of CME activities that were sponsored through CME in 2013/2014, which included 89 activities, 11,772 hours of instructor, attended by 1,678 MD/DO learners and 5,389 Non-MD learners.

Dr. Bucklin displayed a new organization chart for MOC-PAP, highlighting that a new Physician Lead is being recruited for the MOC Portfolio Program, due to the retirement of Dr. Ronald Gibbs. Dr. Gibbs had served in that position, but Dr. Bucklin will not continue serving in that position.

The MOC-PAP Affiliate Pilot Program, which was implemented in April 2013, includes 53 projects that have been submitted since the start of the program, with 20 ongoing pre-reviewed projects in progress. One hundred sixty one MDs have been granted MOC part IV credit during this time.

Finally, Dr. Bucklin provided an overview of the changes that are needed, including closer alignment of CME activities with QI, joint accreditation “by and for the team,” aiding faculty in fulfilling licensure renewal requirements, CQI of needs assessments and gap analyses, use of interactive learning methods, improved evaluation processes, and the website.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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