I. Welcome and Introductions – President Kathleen Torkko welcomed the Faculty Senators to the first Faculty Senate meeting of the year. School of Medicine leadership were introduced, as well as the new Faculty Officers for the year. President Torkko outlined the responsibilities of the faculty senators, which included attending scheduled meetings and reporting back to the senators’ departments all topics and issues discussed at the Faculty Senate meetings. President Torkko also pointed out resources where senators could obtain information about the Faculty Senate, including agendas and minutes from previous meetings.

President Torkko announced a request from Richard Schulick, Chair of the University of Colorado Medicine (CU Medicine) Governance Committee. The Board is requesting that the Faculty Senate nominate someone for a director-at-large position with the Governance Committee. The individual nominated must be a full member of CU Medicine, and should be an MD. The individual must commit to attending monthly meetings of the board. Senators were asked to send nominations to Cheryl Welch by Thursday, September 14. The Faculty Officers will then discuss the nominations received and forward all qualified nominations to CU Medicine for consideration.

II. Dean’s Comments – Dean Reilly provided an update on the current status of searches and affiliations. Denver Health has a new Chief Executive Officer, Robin Wittenstein, EdD, who comes from Penn State Health. The search for the Director of the Anschutz Health and Wellness Center is in the final stages, with two finalists visiting the campus now through October. Five finalists for the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry will be visiting campus over the next four weeks, and the search for the Chair of the Department of Immunology and Microbiology has just begun. Dean Reilly also commented on the curriculum redesign process, which will begin with a retreat on October 30. The roster of working groups that will participate is being finalized.

III. Update on the Office of Student Life – Brian Dwinnell, Associate Dean, Student Life, provided an update on the Office of Student Life. Dr. Dwinnell began in his position a few months ago, and he applaudied the Assistant Deans for Student Life, Kristina Tocce and Jeff Druck, for their excellent work during the transition. Dr. Dwinnell outlined the most recent student application process, which included 7,058 primary applications being submitted and 614 interviews being conducted to fill the 183 openings (one student is repeating the first year). Sixty-four of the incoming students are from Colorado, and 36% are from out of state. Eleven of the students are in the MSTP program, and 173 are in the MD program. Dr. Dwinnell comment on the diversity of the students, which include 28% under-represented in Medicine, which is an improvement over previous years. Fourteen percent of the students are from rural areas, and 29% are from low SES/Disadvantaged backgrounds. The average age of the students is 25.

The priorities for the Office of Admissions for 2017-2018 is a new IT infrastructure, with a conversion to Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI), which is now being used all across the country. Another priority will be the Presidential Scholarship Fund, which lost its funding this past year. A retrospective study will also be conducted.
The Office of Student Affairs priorities will include student support, and identifying a new office director. There are also plans to improve the Advisory College Program and implement the Masters of Science program. There will also be development of strategies for Step 1 preparation, and a new MSPE process. Dr. Dwinnell also mentioned that the Office of Student Affairs will be partnering in the effort to address student mistreatment, which had improved over the last two years, but had plateaued at 46%, with the most recent GQ indicating 50% of students had experienced some form of mistreatment during their four years. The Office will continue to look for ways to improve these numbers.

One senator asked whether the importance of Step 1 has increased? Dr. Dwinnell answered that every program uses it as a screening tool.

IV. **Update on Student Professionalism Committee and Honor Council Reporting** – Assistant Dean Jeff Druck provided an update on the Student Professionalism Committee and Honor Council Reporting. The Honor Council focuses on lying, cheating, stealing and taking advantage of others. All issues that are identified go to the Honor Council. The Professionalism Committee reviews all issues not related to the Honor Council, including professionalism violations.

Dr. Druck announced a change to the process for the Medical Student Performance Evaluation, which is referred to as the Dean’s Letter. The Dean’s Letter must now include information about the student’s professionalism, both exemplary performance and deficiencies. One problem with the current process is that there may be issues that are reported to both the Honor Council and the Professionalism Committee, but no one would be aware that there are issues reported to both entities. In order to alleviate this issue, all Professionalism Committee and Honor Council issues requiring remediation will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs, where they will be stored in a secure electronic database with access limited to Student Affairs Deans. If there is more than one Professionalism and/or Honor Council issue requiring remediation, the issue will be referred to the Student Promotions Committee by the Office of Student Affairs. If a student is referred to the Student Promotions Committee for any reason, a review of the materials will be included in the information forwarded to the Promotions Committee for review. The Professionalism/Honor Council materials held in the Office of Student Affairs will be destroyed upon graduation.

The following questions were asked by senators:

Q: If the student has a professionalism issue, and they remediate the issue, does it still go in the Dean’s Letter?
A: Yes.

Q: Is this consistent with other schools?
A: Yes – 60% of schools use the AAMC templates.

Q: Will there be complaints if the student doesn’t get the residency they want?
A: There will always be complaints; it is felt that the medical school evaluation is an evaluation, not a letter of recommendation. This allows us to be transparent in how we see problems.

V. **Campus Update** – Neil Krauss, Director of Inclusion and Outreach, provide a campus update. The Board of Regents and the Capital Development Committee approved funds for the Interdisciplinary Building, but they still need to raise additional funds. The total cost will be $240 million, for 390,000 gsf.
The building will house the Center for Personalized Medicine and other centers and offices. Groundbreaking will be in the summer of 2018.

The following questions were asked by senators:

Q: Will a vivarium be included in the Interdisciplinary Building?
A: A shell space is being held west of R2.

The VAMC is nearing completion, and the research staff is moving in. However, they are not going to move the rest of the hospital until they move everyone, which will be later in the Spring or Summer.

With regard to parking, 241 paid parking spaces will be added to the campus, and 10 additional visitor spots, by rearranging existing spaces. In addition, they will be adding another 210 paid spots and 9 visitor spots. An additional 2,000 parking spaces will be added via a parking structure north of R2. They are in the early planning states. The increase in parking fees will help pay for the new structure.

The Light Rail Shuttle from A Line to Campus has been a growing success, from 5,813 rides in March to 9,018 in August. It is estimated that 180 people are getting on at the Light Rail Station per day. They are making progress towards improving ridership.

Two bike sharing companies have approached the campus, Lime Bike and UrBike, which could offer different programs. One program would allow the bikes to be taken anywhere, paying a fee per 30 minutes of riding. Another program would have a boundary where the bike can be taken, and would be primarily intended for campus use only. Mr. Krauss asked the senators to provide information to their departments and contact him with whether they feel that there would be interested in having a bike sharing program on campus. If one of the programs was adopted, it would require some capital outlay, but no additional costs.

The following questions were asked by senators:

Q: Would there be designated bike lanes on campus?
A: The sidewalks and roads would be used, with the possibility of share-rows being established.

Q: Would the bikes be available at the Education buildings?
A: They would be available throughout campus. However, one company would prefer that they bikes not be taken off campus, while the other company would allow the bikes to be taken off campus.

One senator commented that they didn’t think that the campus was large enough to fully utilize a bike-sharing program. Another senator commented that they felt that some people do have very long distances to go on campus, and a bike-sharing program would be useful. Another senator commented that it would be helpful if there are lots of places to pick up and return the bikes. Another commented that this would be a great for individuals who want to exercise during lunch or during a break, or go to the Health and Wellness Center.

Q: What if someone had a long meeting?
A: Once you lock the bike, the meter stops.
Mr. Krauss then commented that the Community Campus Partnership has been developed and funded by the University and hospitals to help the community on a number of fronts. First, a job hub has opened in the Aurora Resilience Center just south of Colfax. The job hub connects people living in the near-off campus neighborhoods with various jobs that are available at both hospitals and the university. Individuals looking for a job can receive specialized counseling. The office has been open for four months, and more than 100 people have been counseled, with 8 individuals being hired. Additionally, University Hospital has hired more than 250 people from the neighborhood since the CCP was founded in 2015.

VI. Faculty/Staff Anti-Stigma Panel – Amanda Pennington, Best Practices Specialist with the National Behavioral Health Innovation Center, provided information on the faculty/staff anti-stigma panel that NBHIC is helping put on with IPE and Student Mental Health. The panel is based on a student model, which included 5 students with shared experiences and questions being answered. The panel will be held sometime in October or early November and will focus on de-stigmatizing those with mental health issues. Amanda asked for volunteers who would like to participate, or if the senators knew of someone who would like to share their story about being a health professional with mental illness. They already have two panelists from the Graduate School and Children’s, so it would be great to get some diversity from the schools. There will be a student anti-stigma panel happening on October 3rd from 6-8 in Nighthorse Campbell, and it would be a great opportunity to hear stories from students with mental illness and their experiences in training to be a health professional with a mental illness. They are also co-hosting a series of events with IPE focused around mental health in health professions. A full menu of services can be found here: https://magic.piktochart.com/output/24085297-clinical-discussions-open-campus-menu-ipe-ci-1-fall-2017. The Center is also doing a Virtual Reality day that faculty can sign up for, which can be found in the above link. Faculty can contact Amanda, also, if they want to stop by and try out VR. Amanda can be contacted at: Amanda.Pennington@ucdenver.edu, or 720-777-7266.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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