

**University of Colorado Denver Staff Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 14, 2012**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Anschutz Medical Campus - Health Sciences Library, Teaching Lab 3, 1st Floor, Room 1410**

**Our Vision**

Serve the common good of all University of Colorado Denver staff, communicate with a credible voice and council visibility; advocate to promote an inclusive, transparent environment, and engage staff at all levels of the university community. Staff Council shall promote unity, cooperation, and loyalty among all employees of the University of Colorado Denver.

**Meeting Called To Order By:** Deborah Makray at 1:15 p.m.

**Member Attendees:** Pereze Banks, Vincente Chavez, Maureen Christensen, Roland Gabeler, Magan Kotecha, Melissa Ledezma, Deborah Makray, Velma Parker, Everlyn Sandoval and Jennifer Williams.

**Guest(s):** Julie Palmer from Human Resources.

**Agenda review:** Jennifer Williams motioned to approve the agenda and Velma Parker seconded the motion; motioned carried.

**Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2012:** There were no edits to the minutes. Roland Gabeler motioned to approve the minutes; Jennifer Williams seconded the motioned; motioned carried.

**Treasury Report, Everlyn Sandoval:** As of the end of January, 2012 the balance is \$6,554.00.

**Speaker(s):**

**Jay Dedrick and Michele McKinney from University Relations:** Jay Dedrick is the Editor and Publisher for the CU Connections weekly newsletter. Jay spoke about how he obtains the information or articles, and the process of determining what is published. Jay offered to consider CU Connections as being another resource to publish any current or previous University activities.

**Michele McKinney** began the presentation by introducing the CU Advocates Program; Michele provided a flyer, which outlines the role of being a University of Colorado Advocate. Michele briefly spoke on the importance of being a CU Advocate, and she gave a couple of examples on how involved that you can become being a CU Advocate, such as engage elected officials or state leaders on Classified staff concerns, host a CU event or campaign etc. (refer to flyer for details). To see the CU Advocates in action, Michele encouraged the Council to attend the CU Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on March 16th or the CU Advocate breakfast meeting on March 2, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; contact Michele at 303-860-5622 or email [michele.mckinney@cu.edu](mailto:michele.mckinney@cu.edu) if you wish to attend the aforementioned events or to register to become a CU Advocate member.

**New Business, Deborah Makray:**

**Save-The-Dates:**

- March 13, 2012; Staff Council monthly meeting and University of Colorado Denver Staff Council's Open House.
- June 29, 2012; University of Colorado Denver Staff Council's all day retreat at the Daniels Fund Building. May have Brenda Allen, motivational speaker to attend, topic-How to empower ourselves; a speaker from Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) was suggested. Contact Deborah if you have any topic or speaker suggestions.
- April 13, 2012; University All Staff Council Conference; off month for the Council's monthly meeting.
- Nominations being accepted for the All Staff Council Annual Service Excellence Award; March 9, 2012 is the deadline to submit a nomination; cash award of \$1,000.00; one nominee from each campus, excluding the Anschutz Medical Campus will receive the award at the All Staff Council Conference in April, 2012.

-Membership terms are expiring for the University of Colorado Denver Staff Council; members must be re-nominated; you can nominate yourself.

-COWINS: Deborah has a link to listen to the recorded meeting. Contact Deborah to obtain the link. You must not listen to the recording on your scheduled work-time as for, this group is not affiliated with the University.

**Committees and Committee Work:**

**Communications, Melissa Ledezma:** Melissa has a spotlight article for the next newsletter, but needs articles.

**Diversity, Perez Banks:** No events to report. Deborah Makray, the Denver Campus Diversity Office is having a "Diversity Dialogue" event on February 23, 2012; all students and staff are welcome; free lunch and a flash drive.

**Election, Deborah Makray:** Elections to be held in March, 2012 for new and expiring members; and in April, 2012 for new and expiring officer members. It was suggested to conduct one election for both memberships.

**Employee of the Month (EOM), Jennifer Williams:** January, 2012 EOM is Bonnie Hixson, recognition event was held on March 9, 2012. December's EOM event will be held once the nominee returns from leave. Jennifer opened up a discussion on what to do with the nominations from Year, 2011. Council agreed to consider the remaining nominations for this Year, 2012.

**Governance, Deborah Makray:** Meeting was cancelled.

**Legislative, Deborah Makray:** No report. Deborah encouraged the Council to go to the Office of Government Relations website for current Legislation activity.

**Staff Appreciation, Jennifer Williams:** Planning and anticipating a spring appreciation event.

**Statewide Liaison:** No report.

**UCSC, Deborah Makray:** The next meeting is February 16, 2012.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.:** Roland Gabeler motioned to adjourn the meeting; Velma Parker seconded the motion; motioned carried.

**The Next University of Colorado Denver Staff Council Meeting:**

Denver Campus – **Location of meeting may change to accommodate the Open House**

March 13, 2012

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LSC (Lawrence Street Center) Building,

1380 Lawrence Street, Chancellor's Conference Room, 14th floor

Denver, CO 80204

University of Colorado Denver Staff Council web site: <http://www.ucdenver.edu/staffcouncil>

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Palmer, Human Resources at the University of Colorado Denver.