Regular Meeting of the CU Denver Downtown Campus Faculty Assembly’s Budget Priorities Committee

Monday, March 11, 2019
Chancellor’s Conference Room, LSC 14th Floor
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Members: Katherine Gunny, David Tracer, Quintin Gonzalez, Peter Jenkins, Brent Wilson, Sommer Browning, Diana White, Jody Beck, Todd Ely

Guests: Todd Haggerty, Tobin Bliss, Jennifer Sobanet

1. Welcome, Approval of Minutes, Chair Updates 11:00 – 11:05
   • Discussion of BPC charge for Faculty Assembly update.
   • Peter Jenkins first motion to approve February minutes, David Tracer seconds, unanimously approved February minutes.

2. Book (Ch. 6-7) discussion 11:05 – 11:20
   • Discussion of CU Denver relationship w Anschutz.
   • Discussion of Auraria campus and AHEC governing board.

3. Tobin Bliss – degree program information expanded 11:20 – 11:35
   • Discussion of enrollment estimates, program proposals for Regents, how degrees are measured as successful, how impact to other programs is estimated.
   • Discussion about how to share the process for creating new programs with faculty/directors of programs.
   • Diana: The data that program creation uses, can schools and colleges can use this too? How can it be dispersed to departments/schools/colleges? This data could be used for marketing for existing programs and be helpful in other ways.
   • Gunny: What factors are considered most heavily during approval process?
     ○ Bliss: Long term sustainability of a program from financial perspective; Terry Potter’s approval process looks at academic success and that has its own factors.

4. Roles Discussion 11:35 – 12:00
   • By April BPC needs to have four sentence description/charge for faculty assembly.

5. Provost, CFO/CBO updates 12:00 – 12:15
   • Haggerty: Currently anticipating what the legislature decides about FY20 budget, March 15 state budget forecast comes out: capital construction funds (both engineering
• Building & AHEC deferred maintenance are on the list for approved projects as of now; long bill is proposed March 25th but won’t be approved by governor until May.
• Because enrollment and state funding is still up in the air FY20 budgets can’t be shared now.
• Freshman to sophomore retention rate is 67%, Chancellor Horrell wants that to be 75% (Boulder’s is around 85 to 80%). 5 year retention rate for CU Denver is around 40%.
• Expecting a reduced freshman class for 2019-2020 (around 9% lower). Hoping to make this up with increased retention numbers.

6. Roles Discussion 12:15 – 12:30

• Diana will share draft summary of committee, and other BPC operating documents. BPC members should respond and comment on these drafts.
• What is BPC’s responsibility to the BPCs in other schools and colleges? Should BPC be some kind of conduit for the other BPCs? Something to think about for next meeting.
• BPC members are experts on CU Denver budget...should we provide professional development or other opportunities to faculty colleagues?
• Question: where do BPC recommendations (what projects BPC works on, initiatives) come from? Faculty assembly? Provost? BPC members? Budget staff? Yes, all of these places!
• Next meeting review Chapters 7 & 8. Melissa Baldwin CU Foundation will join us. Last meeting in May guests will include CU Online Education staff.

12:34 adjourned.