Minutes

Attendees: David Port, Colleen Dingmann, Lillian Hoffecker, Rebecca Sands-Braverman, Bonnie Gance-Cleveland, Brian Brada, Tamara Terzian, Chelsea Mitchell, Dawn Comstock, Provost Nairn, SVC Terri Carrothers, David Clouthier, and Neil Krauss

11:40 am  Dr. David Port, CU Anschutz Faculty Assembly - Chair
Meeting Brought to Order

11:41 am  Provost Nairn, Office of the Provost

Updates

People:
Terri Carrothers: The newly appointed Senior Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance will soon be looking for her second in command, a Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance/CFO for the CU Denver Campus. This person would also likely cross over to CU Anschutz. Regina Kilkenny will be Chairing this search.

Business School Dean: There are 3 finalists that are currently meeting with faculty and administration. Please look for future announcements.

Space: The Interdisciplinary Building was discussed at the last Board of Regents Meeting. More money will need to be raised to move forward. The hope is for some one-time money but all is contingent on the states final budget. This project is on top of the CU-System list.

Board of Regents:
A sub-committee on Academic Affairs, likely 3 members yet to be determined, was created to review new degrees/programs, change of status/names, etc. Currently the process requires items to be taken to two Board of Regents meetings before decisions are made. This will hopefully shorten the timeframe for these processes to be approved.

Upcoming BOR Elections: During the next election cycle, two positions on the Board of Regent’s will need to be filled. Michael Carrigan, Congressional District 1, will be running for DA as he leaves the board at the end of his term. There are several candidates running for the position: Jack Kroll, Zach Rothmier, and Lucky Vidmar recently attended a regent forum debate on the CU Denver Campus. They have all worked with some capacity at CU.
A recent article in CU Connections noted high attendance. (https://connections.cu.edu/stories/regent-candidates-come-together-debate). The other open position is the at-large position; Alice Madden (D) and Heidi Ganahl (R) will be running for the position that Steve Bosley held that is term limited. The seat held by Sue Sharkey (R) is also up for election but with no current challengers.

**Budget:** There was non-voting discussion at the last BOR meeting. There are a lot of unknowns until the state budget is finalized. CU is committed to trying to keep tuition increases to a minimum. SOM have rolled back fees to help student costs. UPI has increased scholarships from $350,000 to $500,000.

**Benefits:** The Tuition Benefit is still being discussed at all levels and the implications that it has in the Colorado School of Public Health.

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11:52 am  Neil Krauss, Director of Administration  
**CU Anschutz Updates**  
**Parking:** There has been discussion on adding new parking on campus. There are 5 areas being considered for ground level parking. Parking can become expensive, just adding 34 spaces could cost $370,000. To help with the issue in the meantime, the overflow lot west of RC2 is now open (parkers are being redirected once the Henderson Garage is deemed full). Funding is being reviewed and the hope is a plan can be approved soon.  
**Lightrail:** Options for purchasing discounted Eco Passes are being reviewed. This includes a monthly pass at a discounted rate. A handout with the proposed shuttle route was provided. This will be shared with both hospitals. There will be 6 drop off points throughout campus. A $1.5M grant from the federal government helped to purchase 4 buses that would arrive every 7.5 minutes and overall operations. This will likely help with the parking and traffic congestion concerns on campus.

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12:00 pm  Terri Carrothers, Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance  
**Meet-n-Greet**  
Terri Carrothers met with the group, provided her background, and discussed her immediate goals since beginning the position in January. Budget items discussed included; $1.9M anticipated cut to the AMC from state funding (which is a 2.94% decrease), $2.2M tobacco cuts over the next few years that has been used for education in the SOM, a proposed 2% raise pool was requested, and grants are on a slight rise.  
**Elevate / HCM:** The recent updates have caused headaches for many. Daily changes are being made to address issues. Consultants have been hired to help. Finance will work on restructuring and reorganizing and continue with the main focus to be better organized overall. Elevate was a total overhaul of the system, not just an upgrade. The December books still have not closed. It’s anticipated that we can expect issues through this fiscal year (June). SVC Carrothers will return in April or May to update us on her top priorities and the state of the state budget.

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12:16 pm  Dr. David Port, CU Anschutz Faculty Assembly - Chair  
**Chair’s Report**  
- Approval of January 2016 Minutes  
  Motion to approve: Rebecca Sands-Braverman, 2nd Motion: Dawn Comstock. CU Anschutz Faculty Assembly vote; unanimously approved.  
- Tuition Benefit Update
The CU Faculty Council met with Kathy Nesbitt, Director of Human Resources, to discuss tuition benefits. Currently the Chancellors from each of the campuses have intimated that a reciprocal benefit across campuses may be a challenge. President Benson has made a commitment to resolving some of the issues related to tuition benefits by spring of 2016. However, this would not include reciprocity. (note of clarification: AMC faculty and staff can only use this benefit on the AMC or downtown campuses). Ms. Nesbit implied that administration is currently on track to accomplish some level of tuition benefit and to have a more consistent policy across all campuses. Ideally the goal is to get a 30% benefit on each of the respective campuses. To re-emphasize, there has been no resolution on the transferability of benefits across campuses. Dr. Port suggested sending out a doodle poll to faculty and staff to get clarification on the needs and determine cost estimates was suggested.

Dawn Comstock asked if we had data of how many people have already used the benefit and what was the actual cost. The CSPH has absorbed the majority of people using this benefit on the Anschutz Campus seeing a cost of $500,000 which is a large portion of their budget.

- **Transformative Initiatives**
  The awardees of the programs are already beginning to look into faculty hires. There are also advertisements beginning for post doc and some graduate positions.

- **Women’s Health and Safety and Violence Protection Grant**
  Dr. Port signed on behalf of the assembly.

- **Grad School**
  Dr. Port met with Dave Engelke, Dean of the Grad School, and discussed implementation of a memo of understanding for grad/post-doc students for external internships with bio-tech companies in the area. Updates to follow.

- **CU Anschutz Faculty Assembly Elections**
  David Port has received 1 nomination for Chair, 2 for Vice Chair, and 1 for Secretary. If no more are received, the elections will be held without the need for an ad-hoc review committee. Voting will be held prior to the April 26th meeting by email ballot. A reminder that the incoming Chair will need to be from somewhere other than the SOM. If you would like to submit a nomination, please send the information to David Port at David.Port@ucdenver.edu.

**12:40 pm College / School Reports:**

- **Student Senate** - SGA is preparing for Safety Month to be held in April. They will work on replacing light poles and updating flags. Every Spirit Thursday will focus on different topics. If you have any ideas, please contact Chelsea Mitchell. Rebecca Sand-Braverman asked if there were any services to have escorts for residents to their vehicle if after normal hours. The police department will provide this service if you call the non-emergency line. Weapons were also recently discussed. It is okay for guns to be on campus, but they won’t allow tasers or mace. Some are discouraged because they don’t have time to wait for the escort.

  The Minority Health Conference will be held on Friday at noon.

  Students will be able to pay for parking online soon. Updates to follow.

  At the ASAC meetings, Regina Kilkenny proposed that the student spaces on campus be renovated. The plan is to begin updating spaces over the summer in; PT, PA, and CON. This includes; patching/painting walls, install a genius walls, fix broken charging stations, get working microwaves, and clean carpets.
SGA will make a proposal for standing desks in larger classrooms. If you are interested in having these in the spaces you teach in, please make a request for funds. Past funding efforts included; lactation rooms and water bottle refill stations. Future discussion includes adding signage to get the word out and give credit to the group for the initiative.

- **College of Nursing** - The CU South location has seen program increase by 12 and is going strong. There has been practices expansions; student health on campus, also south Aurora practice that has been featured in the news recently, birthing centers, and expansion of mental health services. There will also be the new BS to DNP program to be opened by fall 2017. There is a national movement for nurse’s practitioners to be educated at the doctoral level.
- **Colorado School of Public Health** - It has been difficult trying to determine current grant budget standings with the recent issues in Elevate. Enrollment applications are up by several hundred students.
- **Graduate School** - The Grad School held interview the last few weekends.
- **School of Dental Medicine** - The president of ADA came to speak with faculty to discuss strict licensing requirements and faculty debt concerns.
- **School of Medicine** - At the recent SOM Exec. Comm. meeting, Bob Anderson discussed LCME vulnerabilities and means of addressing them over the next year. The next site visit will be in March 2017. Peter Butterick discussed the need for more research space with expanding programs.
  The SOM UCCS Branch now has 26 new 3rd year students that will start in April.
- **Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences** - No report at this time.
- **Health Sciences Library** - The Open Access Fund will begin another round starting on March 7th at 9am. This helps with the article processing charges associated with open access journals and prioritizes students. This has been an ongoing project the last 4 years, and offers it 2 times a year.
- **Retired Faculty Association** - No report at this time.

**12:59 pm  Old Business / New Business**

David Port announced that the Director of the AMC Tech Transfer Office has been invited to the next AMC FA meeting to discuss perspective and progress.

Anthem Breach - Tamara Terzian announced that everyone can sign up for lifetime credit monitoring. Anthem had previously offered this for 2 years, but have opened it up. Please look at [https://www.anthemfacts.com/](https://www.anthemfacts.com/) to sign up for this opportunity.

**1:00 pm  Meeting Adjourn**