University of Colorado Denver
AMC Faculty Assembly
Academic Office 1, 7th Floor Board Room, L15-7000
Anschutz Medical Campus (AMC)
June 29, 2010
11:30AM-1:30PM
Minutes

Members Attending: Leslie Jameson, LaToya Braun, Rob MacLaren, David Thompson, Ana Elishvali, Mary Weber, Lillian Hoffecker, Mike Glode, David Port, Jerry Perry
Guests Attending: Michael Carrigan, John Allison, Jarrett Smith, Dave Turnquist, Rod Muth, Glenda Tate

11:30 AM Meeting Call to Order- Leslie Jameson, Chair
April minutes unanimously approved.

11:35 AM Regent Michael Carrigan
- Finishing my first term as Regent for Denver 1st Congressional District, running for re-election, unopposed democrat from Denver.
- Leadership changes: Dr. Wilson’s departure. Very sorry to see him leave. I think he has many promising opportunities ahead of him. President Benson has appointed two people that will fill the same role on this campus. First, we do have a single Chancellor—Jerry Wartgow for the consolidated campus. He has significant higher education experience.
- New position of VP of Medical Affairs, Lily Marks and will be Executive Vice Chancellor for AMC. Still one chancellor.
- President Benson in no way intends to revisit consolidation. He believes consolidation is a done deal and the shared services that come out of consolidation have great value and will continue to have such value especially in the current economic climate. We will continue to look for ways to make consolidation better.
- With the branding and other respects, even though it’s one consolidated university there are two distinct campuses.
- President Benson’s intent is not do a search for a permanent chancellor until accreditation is over. It makes sense to have a few seasoned leaders get us through this time—fluctuation in state funding, etc.
- Discussion of officers, funding and recruitment.
- Concealed Weapons Lawsuit: Many years we’ve banned any kind of weapons on our campus. Register ROTC guns with campus police and keep them at campus police. In 2004 the state general assembly passed a statewide concealed weapons act. Statewide
statute of general application-on any public property except schools/courthouses, etc. concealed weapons is legal. Salazar-CU and Board of Regents, our constitutionally accepted body has the authority to pre-empt this law. Board of Regents must be specifically included to be bound under general assembly laws. Students requested lift on gun ban; they did not go to governance groups to request the lift, they sued instead. Last week’s meeting resolution to appeal or not—5-4 vote—board doesn’t like guns on campus. All chancellors were united in saying this will not help us recruit students.

12:20 PM
Dave Turnquist, AVC Facilities Operations
John Allison, AVC Facilities Projects
Jarrett Smith, Sustainability Officer
- University Climate Action Plan Power point
- 700 institutions have signed this agreement, sign it, and submit by end of the month. We’re on schedule to do that as well.
- We are meeting with many different groups for input on the CAP

12:55 PM
Jerry Perry
- Handout—there is a controversy taking place in the University of California system. Conflict between Nature Publishing group and CA system. Conflict comes from a price quote the library received for the e-version. Cost increase was approximately 400%. Response has been that the CA digital library (system). The UCD Health Sciences Library’s subscription to Nature journals is not due for renewal until end of calendar year; we don’t know if we’ll get a similar increase. Consequence of price quote is- suggested boycott, forego new subscriptions (threatening), some UC faculty who are publishing boycott this publisher; cancel subscriptions, stop doing peer reviews, stop editing, etc... Academic library cannot absorb these sorts of unsustainable costs.
- How has HSL managed? We haven’t had any kinds of increases like this, but are gearing up in case any of these come up down the road. Go through consortia to manage, every dollar we spend on the consortia, we get about $4 back from CLERT, a CU System-wide library consortium. Are fairly reliant on student fees. Happy to see AMC leadership have been very supportive. Faculty should be interested because NPG is pretty much essential to faculty—we don’t have anyone else to go through to get Nature. Need to understand your individual rights as authors...faculty sign over copyright without reading it thoroughly. Great alternatives available to you in terms of open access publishing. Be aware and be a smart consumer.
12:30 PM  
Follow-up discussion of Assembly goals
Member- Having direction and a plan for things that are of concern to us as a faculty body will allow our voice to outweigh administration if necessary. Step up and address things earlier—we can make a difference if we approach it early and often.
Member- the way in which Faculty Assembly has become an information system—the administration comes to tell us what they’re doing instead of asking for our input-- This should be different.
Member- in observing the last decade, it strikes me that the administration is operating exactly this way with the regents as well. Decisions are made, it’s presented to the governing bodies as “this is what we’re going to do”, or unless there’s a show-stopper it will go through. It’s possible that FA could take the same approach—the Faculty Assembly calls on the UC to reinstitute a news organization with reporters on both campuses—get together with system, we’ve looked at it, this is the cost, we now mandate that this be done. I don’t think that without a news organization, and the empowerment and deliberations, a matter of public record, which the regents and/or citizens of CO have anywhere to respond to. I think we could partner with the Aurora Sentinel.

MOTION:
Glode: I move that the leadership (FA) meet with the editors of the Aurora Sentinel to explore the possibility of attending and reporting on campus issues. School of Medicine Faculty Senate, Senates of other schools, court them as possible attendees at this meetings. Motion is seconded.

Vote: nine in favor, none against, one abstention.

1:00 PM  
Discussion of recruitment strategies to FA
Tabled for later meeting.

1:15 PM  
Adjournment