Minutes

Attendees: David Port, John McDowell, Jeff Druck, Rob MacLaren, Neil Krauss, Ron Gill, Brian Brada, Ron Brown, Colleen Dingmann, Allison Bauer, Paula Meek, Rebecca Sedjo, Judith Igoe

11:35 am Dr. David Port, AMC Faculty Assembly Chair
• Meeting called to order

11:40 am Neil Krauss – Director of Administration
Office of the Provost Updates
• State Budget Report: Prior to the AMC FA meeting, Neil Krauss provided the group information on the projected State Budget. The understanding is that the Governor is going to ask the JBC to increase higher education funding back to pre-recession levels. The AMC would hopefully see funding of $3-5 million dollars, or $16 million for the CU System. Updates will follow.
• The AMC has asked the State for funding of a new building, the Interdisciplinary Building. This new facility will house: Biomedical Informatics, Clinical Faculty, additional office space, and a data center (CREW). The location of the building would be between the Academic 1 and Research 1. It’s projected to be a 5 story building with 72,000 sq. ft. This project is not expected to be fully approved this year but to be entered for future consideration / planning.
• The Lightrail project is still moving forward and still anticipated to be completed April 2016. Campus leadership has been having discussion on staffing and campus shuttle options throughout campus.

11:56 am Dr. John McDowell – Healthcare Trust
UBAB & Healthcare Trust Update
Dr. Port provided background on this dissolution of UBAB and the process by which Dr. John McDowell was appointed by President Benson to be the faculty/staff representative to the Healthcare Trust. The Healthcare Trust meets quarterly and the employers group meets monthly. Dr. McDowell reviewed reports that he recently reviewed in these meetings. Mercer announced from FY13 to FY12 that CU costs increased by 5.8%, 1/3 below the national norm of 9%. If claims remain around the same, no rate increase is anticipated.

Be Colorado Children’s Overview Program was introduced to the Trust. This is a program focused on wellness behavior of 5-11 year olds with a focus on family centered education, increase motivation, nutrition guidance, exercise and sleep, and implementing overall healthy behaviors into daily life.

The CU Trust meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to join. Please visit the Healthcare Trust Website at: https://www.cusys.edu/trust/.

If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact John McDowell at John.McDowell@ucdenver.edu.

12:15 pm  Dr. David Port, AMC Faculty Assembly Chair

- Approval of September Meeting Minutes & October Meeting Minutes
  - Motion to Approve: Ron Brown, 2nd: Ron Gill – Unanimously Approved
- Chair’s Report
  - Dr. Port updated the group on the Board of Regents Program Prioritization. At this time, it appears that the AMC will not be included in the academic aspects of this process.
  - The SOM continues to work on its re-organization. Dr. Richard Krugman announces an agreement in principle with the University Hospital Board that will provide some level of financial support for academic endeavors on the AMC campus.
  - Dr. Port will forward an email looking for faculty participation to the Faculty Council Budget and Personnel Committees. We need to maintain a faculty voice within the healthcare and finance decision for the campus.
  - The downtown GLBTI Committee recently held a symposium. They would like to see more AMC participation. The Student Government Association on the AMC has a program on campus, but they would like to get more faculty involvement across both campuses. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact the Student Senate President, Heather Ponicsan at Heather.Ponicsan@ucdenver.edu.

12:22 pm  College / School Reports:

- College of Nursing (Paula Meek): The CON continues to work on the DNP accreditation and their restructuring.
Colorado School of Public Health (Alison Bauer / Rebecca Sedjo): The CSPH has been waiting for general funding for their budget. They are currently looking to hire 4 positions being recruited.

Graduate School: No report at this time

HSC Library: No report at this time.

Retired Faculty Association (Judy Igoe): The annual meeting and elections were held on November 12th. The new President will be Lou Diamond from the SOP and the President elect will be Bill Arend from the SOM. They will work with the past President Ted Eickoff (2010-2011) and Judy Igoe (2011-2012) as well. The group will continue to work on membership and look further into retirement benefits. They hope to have Jill Polluck to their February meeting to discuss these items further.

School of Dental Medicine (Brian Brada / Ron Brown): The SODM is to the end of their cycle of hiring new faculty. They have opened a new futures clinic that includes adolescent care.

School of Medicine (Ron Gill): The SOM is working on its basic sciences reorganization.

Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences: No report at this time.

Student Government Association: No report at this time.

12:39 pm Adjourn