Attendees: Chancellor Shore, Dennis Lezotte (Chair), Rob Berg, Curt Freed, Elizabeth D’Antonio-Gans, Leslie Jameson, David Port, John Sbarbaro, Marilyn Krajicek, Sue Hagedorn, Laurie Shroyer, Donna Stach, Daniel Wilson, Carla Vandenberg.

Excused Absences: Dick Bakemeier, Mike Glode (Past President), Ed Abraham, Lewis Pizer, Carlos Catalano, Clyde Tucker, Marie Hastings-Tolsma, David Thompson, Claire Collins.

Guests: Regent Steve Bosley, Executive Vice Chancellor Jay Gershen, Associate Vice Chancellor Marguerite Childs, Vice Chancellor John Sladek, Kirsten Castleman, Hollie Stevenson, Tonya Ewers, and Kim Glasscock (Silver and Gold)

Tele-Conference with Fitzsimons Campus: No participants participated via teleconference in from the Fitzsimons campus.

I. Call to order: Dr. Lezotte called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. and welcomed all participants and thanked them for coming. The minutes from the March 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Update
Assembly representatives were reminded of the Open Enrollment dates and told to encourage their faculty constituencies to make sure they enroll.

Welcome to Regent Bosley: Dr. Lezotte welcomed Regent Steve Bosley to the meeting. He provided a bit of background that he was a banker, but most famous for starting the Bolder-Boulder race. In coordinating his outreach for his election, he has visited a variety of precincts throughout the State. As he was retired, he really wanted to provide support to the future success of CU – with no hidden agenda items planned. Dr. Lezotte thanked him for coming to the meeting as well as welcomed him to any/all future meetings.

President’s Search: Dr. Lezotte requested an update by Regent Steve Bosley, as with the appointment of the President, Senator Hank Brown (starting August 1, 2005 or sooner). Dr. Curt Freed noted Senator Brown is coming into the Presidential position with the goal of a longer-term stability. Given this recent Presidential interim appointment, the Chancellor searches at both the UCDHSC and CU-Boulder will be moving forward.

Resolution for Faculty Lead for Review of Tenure Process: Dr. Lezotte noted that there was a newspaper article that the Colorado Senate decided to postpone the proposal to conduct an independent review of tenure process. Dr. Lezotte noted that the members of the committee had been identified, as well a recruiting a high level consultant to oversee this process which may be hosted over the summer. Dr. William Marine was ratified to chair the Workgroup for the Health Sciences Campuses. Dr. William Marine and Dr. Richard Bakemeier, are representing the HSC-based campuses, with the
collaboration and oversight of Marguerite Childs Office of Academic Affairs. Their charge is to coordinate the resources required to support a comprehensive review of the tenure process. Regent Bosley noted that this was a key endeavor. Dr. Sue Hagedorn noted that she was supportive of this process as planned. Ms. Childs noted that a team-based approach to working on this key issue for the summer was being taken.

III. Legislative Update: Ms. Kristen Castleman (Deputy Director, CU State Government Relations) provided an overview of the legislative topics under discussion. There are only two weeks left in the legislative session. Even at this late date, new bills are being introduced. One of the most important pieces of legislation this year is the successful passage of HB 1194. It creates a referred measure (“Referendum C”) to be placed on the ballot in November 2005, which will allow the State of Colorado to keep a portion of the TABOR surplus. The surplus will be used for education (including higher education), healthcare, and transportation projects. A large campaign, beginning in May is planned to advocate for the passage of Referendum C.

Senate Bill 209 (the Long Bill) went to the Governor for his signature. It included no cuts to higher education, which is very good news. Although there were no cuts last year, in previous years, Higher Education’s budget was cut 30%. The new budget includes cash spending authority for Fitzsimon’s buildings if/when the COP court challenge had been resolved. The budget also provides for an 11.7% tuition increase. A variety of health-related legislation has been introduced. Many bills have already died, others are still moving forward. Of interest to UCDHSC include creating and funding an Office of Health Disparities, funding additional breast and cervical cancer screening through the Tobacco initiative; a bill to monitor hospital acquired infections as part of a quality improvement program; and an immunization registry bill is still under consideration. Dr. Krajicek noted that there was an upcoming major conference related to improving childhood immunization rates, coordinated with The Children’s Hospital (under the guidance of Dr. Steve Berman). A late bill that would require pharmaceutical companies to disclose gifts to MDs will likely be introduced shortly.

In higher education, there is still an academic freedom bill pending. For further information on legislative updates, please see the www.uchsc.edu/legislation web site.

IV. Chancellor’s Report

Chancellor Shore welcomed Regent Bosley. He noted his appreciation of Regent Bosley’s interest in the tenure review process and his support for a faculty-based approach.
In early April, the Colorado Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the University’s position regarding the COP’s. The University is waiting to see if the plaintiffs will appeal the case to the Supreme Court. Construction could begin by this summer on eight buildings if the plaintiffs do not appeal the Court of Appeal’s decision or the Supreme Court decides to not hear the appeal.

The UCDHSC received substantial grant funding for palliative care endeavors. The US World and News Report rated the Health Sciences Center among the top research institutions in the country.

Chancellor Shore noted that a search for the University Hospital President (to replace President Brimhall) was being initiated. Chancellor Shore agreed to chair the search, with the goal of efficiency in the search process and an assurance of continuity. The
faculty representatives include Drs. Robert Anderson and Steven Ringel (elected Chief of Medical Staff at UCH). Ms. Joyce Cashman was noted to not be a candidate, but would serve on the committee. The search firm team will start interviews with the UCH Board today, with early May discussions with administration and faculty leaders. The goal is to coordinate information and expectations across the search committees for both the UCH President and the UCDHSC Chancellor.

He noted that a draft of the Chancellor UCDHSC job description had been posted on the web site, and faculty members were referred to this site. Given the clinical enterprise focus of the HSC-based campuses, Chancellor Shore noted his own personal preference was for a MD, MD/PhD, or related experience and for an individual who had experience managing large health care systems. Finally, Executive Vice Chancellor Gershen noted that there were many supporters of CU in the legislature and the business community. It was announced that Vice Chancellor Sladek would be accepting an award by Adams County Economic Development Council to recognize the value of the Research Complex 1 in creating economic vitality and jobs in Colorado.

Executive Vice Chancellor Gershen also noted that there are three finalists who would be meeting with the FRA Board towards the goal of filling their Executive Director position.

V. Special Topics

First Motion for UCDHSC HSC-based library requesting the Chancellor’s Office protect the library from further budget reduction was provided by Dr. Shroyer, seconded by Dr. Sbarbaro, and unanimously supported. A copy of this motion was available from the Chancellor’s office.

Although supportive in concept, Dr. Jameson noted the concern with the second motion was meeting the RRC. Dr. Shroyer and D’Antonio-Gan were encouraged to re-write this second motion, to be presented in a revised format at the upcoming May 31 meeting for consideration at that time.

Dr. Sbarbaro noted the open enrollment packages had been distributed. He noted that the faculty should be cautioned to read their health plan options carefully and that it is not a passive process. Dr. Leslie Jameson noted that if faculty enroll electronically, they should print out their selections to have on file. Dr. Sbarbaro noted that the comparison should be made direct to direct, as well as basic to basic.

VI. School-Based Updates

Dr. Jameson noted that a student was added as a voting member to the promotions committee. Class sizes will be increased by 12 students/year for the next two years – less than a 10% increase. Given the low admission rate, the MCAT scores are very high. The concern is that there needs to be higher volume of MDs provided to the State of Colorado. Ms. Childs noted that there is not a capacity challenge for ED1 and ED2, as well as the larger auditorium at RC1 N building for educational space also. Dr. Jameson noted that the changes in the new curriculum was forthcoming.

Dr. Berg noted that there was nothing to report for the School of Dentistry.

Dr. Port noted that there was nothing to report on behalf of the Graduate School.
Dr. Vandenberg noted that School of Pharmacy is pursuing funding for a Fitzsimons building. Otherwise, there was no news currently to report.

Dr. Lezotte noted that Faculty Council nominations were being solicited, should anyone like to be participating either in committee or leadership. Additionally, by the May meeting – the names need to be sent forward for the President Elect position.

Dr. Krajicek noted that five SON faculty vacancies were being filled. This was very exciting news to see these recruitments going forward.

Adjournment: Dr. Lezotte thanked members for coming. The meeting for 31st was announced with special guests Dr. Jack Burns and Teresa Berryman planned as speakers. Dr. Lezotte adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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