University of Colorado Denver  
FACULTY ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES  
January 29, 2002

Present: Richard Bakemeier, Judith Barton, Rob Berg, Joann Congdon, Doug Fish, Mike Glode, Madeleine Kane, Marilyn Kraijcek, Robert Lasher, Dennis Lezotte, John Sbarbaro, Michael Savage, Kathleen Stringer

Guests: Chancellor James Shore, Sarah Ellis, Kim Glasscock, Marybeth Hutchins

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair John McDowell called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

He announced that Holly Stevenson was scheduled to present at today’s meeting but was forced to cancel due to a last minute conflict. He introduced Dr. Michael Savage, the new President of the School of Dentistry Faculty Senate and, consequently, a new member of the Faculty Assembly.

II. MINUTES

The minutes of the November 2001 meeting were approved as written.

III. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT – Dr. James Shore

President Hoffman has decided to hold a Diversity Conference this year, instead of waiting until next year. UCD will hold a diversity symposium in March. Ms. Betsy Rodriguez and the Chancellor will soon appoint a search committee for the permanent position of Diversity Director.

The University is considering a recommendation for abrogation as an option in the transfer of land at Fitzsimons to Children’s Hospital, to be followed by a lease at a later date. The Regents and the leadership at Children’s have favorably received the recommendation, but the TCH Board must approve before it can be implemented.

Holly Stevenson, the UCD lobbyist plans to hold Friday afternoon forums to summarize legislative issues. The next one is scheduled on February 8 in the AOB Conference Room, from 3-4 p.m. Dr. Shore passed around a summary of the current healthcare legislative agenda and asked Ms. Parker to send an electronic version to the Faculty Assembly. He invited the members to attend the upcoming Friday forum for an update on these issues.

One particular issue of concern is the proposed legislation on human cloning. Dr. John Sladek and Ms. Stevenson met with Representative Mitchell to discuss how this bill might be modified to be acceptable to UCD. In its current form, it is very restrictive and imposes serious penalties for violation.

Dr. Shore asked the Faculty Assembly to remind their colleagues not to use their health sciences center titles when testifying or corresponding with legislators about proposed legislation, unless the university has issued an official position on the legislation.

Dr. Shore distributed a handout called State Allocation of General Funds, which illustrates the diversity of funding sources that support UCD. The state budget shortfall is predicted to require a 2.2 to 2.6 reduction in the UCD budget. So far, the Fitzsimons trust fund is still intact.

Four candidates have been interviewed for the position of Vice Chancellor for Campus Planning and Redevelopment. One candidate has withdrawn. Additional applications have been received from qualified candidates, so it is possible that 1 to 2 more candidates will be interviewed.

Dr. McDowell thanked the Faculty Assembly members that participated in the interview process and asked the other members to try to attend any future interviews if possible

A fund-raising campaign is underway for a new Center for Humanities at Fitzsimons. One of the donors has recommended that the new Center for Humanities be named for ex-Chancellor Fulginiti. Donors who support the recommendation must comprise 50% or more of the building contributions.

The Chancellor suggested that Bill Neidt is invited to the next meeting to report on the fundraising process. There are 150 to 200 committee members working on raising funds for buildings at Fitzsimons.

IV. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT – Dr. Richard Bakemeier

The 27th draft of the CU Faculty Senate Constitution is available on the CU web site http://www.colorado.edu/FacultyCouncil /const.html. The draft was reviewed by the Regents at their January 16 Strategic Planning Committee meeting. Since the new constitution raises a number of conflicts with the Laws of the Regents, a committee has been formed to review and to eliminate the inconsistencies, even if it means changing regental laws. Dr. Bakemeier urged Faculty Assembly members to review the constitution as currently drafted and to send comments to him. He also suggested that the constitution be added to next month’s agenda for formal discussion. A final draft of the constitution needs to go to the Faculty Senate for a vote before April 1 or it will have to wait until fall. 200 responses must be received and two-thirds of those responses must be positive in order for the new constitution to be adopted.

Dr. Bakemeier said that the Faculty Council is considering a new committee to act as a coordinating group to address educational technology and related issues. He welcomes feedback from the Faculty Assembly members.

Dr. McDowell reported that he has persuaded Dr. Stuart Schneck to continue as the UCD liaison to the UBAB committee. Dr. Schneck asked for a volunteer to attend meetings in his place if he has to be absent. Ms Parker volunteered to serve as the substitute UBAB representative.

V. SCHOOL REPORTS

School of Medicine – Dr. Mike Glode

A finance committee is looking at the Master Plan and related ICR and faculty needs. Problems regarding the COMIRB process are of ongoing concern. Dr. Shore suggested that the Assembly invite Dr. John Sladek to present at the next meeting and
address these concerns.

School of Dentistry – Dr. Rob Berg

Norman Stoller was forced to step down from his Faculty Senate presidency position due to COMIRB responsibilities. Dr. Michael Savage, the vice-president, will take his place.

School of Nursing – Dr. Joann Congdon

The SON held looked at budget issues at a recent faculty retreat. The budget is stable but there is a freeze on hiring. Contract faculty will be hired for immediate teaching needs. Other than an increase in enrollment and critical classroom space shortage, morale is good and the retreat went very well.

School of Pharmacy – Dr. Kathleen Stringer

A faculty retreat was held early in January and the new SOP Faculty Senate met for the first time. The school is preparing for an accreditation visit on February 7th and 8th.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Sandi Parker, Secretary