University of Colorado Denver  
FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING  
MINUTES  
JULY 31, 2001  

Present:  
Carter Ballinger, Judith Barton, Rob Berg, Mike Glode, Daniel Gustafson, Cathy Jarvis, Madeline Kane, Dennis Lezotte, John McDowell, Sandi Parker, Robert Schooley, Norman Stoller  

Guests:  
Sarah Ellis, Rick Forsman, James Shore  

I.  Call to order  
Chairman, John McDowell, called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.  

II.  Approval of minutes  
The approval of the June minutes was postponed until the August meeting.  

III.  Chancellor’s Update – Dr. James Shore  

- Legislative matters  
  Leonard Dinnegar, the senior CU lobbyist, has forwarded an update on legislative matters to the Chancellor. A copy was given to Dr. McDowell for distribution to the Faculty Assembly.  

- Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel  
  An agreement has been reached between the Governor and the Executive branch on the composition of the Blue Ribbon Panel. It will consist of 17 members--6 state legislators, 2 CCHE commissioners, 9 business and community leaders and 6 higher education CEO’s, including President Hoffman. The panel will meet over a period of 18 months and will focus on higher education financing, how to increase student participation, and the role and mission of each campus. Members of the commission will likely visit each campus.  

- Legislative special session  
  A special session of the legislature has been called for Sept. 20 to focus on issues of growth and legislation for growth, congressional redistricting, and a proposal from the Governor for a funding allocation for breast and cervical cancer treatment for low-income women. The proposal designated the funds to be taken from tobacco money research funding.  

- Legislative committees  
  State legislative committees continue their visits to the CU campuses. The JBC visited UCD last month and the Capital Development Committee will visit the campus at the end of August.  

- Top ratings  
  The Chancellor commented on the outstanding publicity related to the recent announcement that UCH is ranked among the nation’s top hospitals in 13 of the 17 medical specialties. Children’s Hospital and National Jewish also received high rankings.  

- Silver & Gold  
  Dr. Shore advised the Faculty Assembly members to use the Silver & Gold to keep abreast of overall campus issues.  

- Vice President for Research  
  He is in the final stages of discussion with Dr. Sladick concerning an appointment as VP for Research. However, any potential appointment must first be discussed President Hoffman and the CU Regents.  

- Advisory group for selection of VC for Fitzsimmons Development  
  As directed by President Hoffman, he is working with CCHE to establish an advisory group to advise the President and the Chancellor on a potential selection process for a new Vice Chancellor for Fitzsimmons Development. In accordance with the recommendation of the Urban Land Institute report, the position has been created using start up funds from the President’s special initiative funds. The group will be comprised of approximately 8 people, including CCHE commissioners and major Colorado developers. They will both advise on the type of candidate and identify potential nominees. If formal agreement on the advisory group is reached, it may satisfy the legislature sufficiently to release the funds for construction of the new education building. At present these funds are held in the trust fund.  

- Emerging Leadership Development Program  
  Chancellors from the four CU campuses worked with President Hoffman to change the nature and venue of the traditional leadership retreat to include and develop emerging leaders from each of the campuses. This year’s Emerging Leadership Development Program is a pilot process. Each campus identified five or six leaders to attend. John McDowell (SOD) and Cathy Jarvis (SOP) were Faculty Assembly members among the participants from the UCD campus.  

- The Chancellor will attend the two day Regents meeting beginning tomorrow.  

Questions addressed by the Chancellor:  

What is happening with student counseling?  
The Deans agreed to split a small additional subsidy to continue the program without significant change.  

Do you have any comments regarding the agenda for the Regent’s meeting?  
There is a contingent purchaser for the property west of Colorado who is working with city concerning possible development of a new apartment building, parking, and green space, etc  

Do you have any further news on the negotiations with UCH for the distribution of DSH funds?  
Dr. Shore recommended inviting someone from UCH to come to Faculty Assembly in October to discuss developments.  

Is there any update on the disposition of the buildings on this campus?  
It will be 2012, at the earliest, before any buildings on this campus can be rededicated, especially if we keep to the master plan schedule. There are currently 70 off-campus leases to accommodate UCD programs that could not be located at 9th Avenue due to space limitations. Some of these programs will be moved in to backfill and use all the space on this campus as efficiently as possible. A redevelopment study by UCD senior architectural students will begin this fall and will be used as a prelude to a more formal study. The hospital board will determine the
VII. Adjournment.

V. Denison Library report – Mr. Rick Forsman, Denison Library Director

- PASCAL – Mr. Forsman provided an overview of the PASCAL cooperative storage facility at Fitzsimons. He said that 120,000 volumes from Denison Library have been moved to that facility. Ultimately the library will store 1/3 to ½ of the print collection at PASCAL. This will have a significant impact on space planning in the new library, as more space can be used for programs, rather than storage of older volumes.

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Q: Dr. Gude asked if some kind of educational support services might be integrated into the new library to help faculty with development of online courses. He is concerned that faculty members are inefficiently using their time preparing for Internet teaching. Others agreed that faculty need help with Internet course development. Dr. McDowell will invite Marguerite Childs to the next meeting to hear faculty concerns about this issue and to report on any plans she may be aware of to address this problem.

Other news from Denison – The library has begun a pilot project for checking out wireless laptops in the library. They are in the process of hiring a consumer health information librarian to implement model networking projects with other libraries to deliver health information to the consumer. Denison continues to expand access to electronic journals and resources.

The floor structure in the 1936 books stacks is in danger of collapsing, so the library staff is moving materials out of that area so that it can be roped off and demolished.

Last year the library lost $23,000 on photocopy operations due to increasing costs for supplies and personnel and reduced volume. Fees may have to be raised. Or another option may be to reduce the number of leased photocopy machines. Faculty assembly members advised against raising costs and urged Mr. Forsman to look at other alternatives.

Unlike the schools, the library gets no budget dollars for faculty salaries and benefit increases. Library administration must draw from other sources to extend raises to the faculty. As a consequence, operating funds are down to 6% of the budget. Since supplies and equipment come from the operating funds, this leaves little for essential supplies and equipment upgrades, etc.

Mr. Forsman distributed reports comparing the Denison Library budget to that of libraries at the top research institution. He also distributed a comparison to peer institutions. Dr. Schooley warned that peer institutions might not actually have as much research going on as our campus. He said that if our goal is to be a top research institution, we need to make sure that the library is able to adequately support the research programs.

UCH is still not providing direct funding in support of the library. But a new clause in the annual agreement states that in the future electronic pricing for the hospital may have to be split off and charged back.

Academic libraries in Colorado are beginning to organize to lobby for state funding for interlibrary loan and services to the public. At the present time, there is no funding or recognition for CU libraries services to professionals in the state.

VI. New Business - Dr. Robert Schooley

Dr. Schooley asked the Faculty Assembly members to help him determine the state of the negotiations with UCH for distribution of DSH funds. Dr. McDowell asked for additional information via email, so that he can speak with the Chancellor on behalf of the faculty.

VII. Reports from the schools

- SOM – Dr. Robert Schooley
  Dr. Rock Levinson is the new president of the Faculty Senate. One item of unfinished business for the Senate is a statement of principles concerning audits of faculty activities by administrative officials. Dr. Schooley created a statement in March but has not received any feedback yet. He suggested that this might be an appropriate issue for the entire Faculty Assembly rather than only the School of Medicine. He has seen the campus policy on audits and said that it does not include procedural guidelines or restrictions, and no approval process is provided. He will forward the draft statement to the faculty assembly for consideration at a future meeting.

- SOD – Dr. John McDowell
  The School of Dentistry is going through its seven-year accreditation process in September.

- SON – Dr. Judy Barton
  The new acting Dean, Pat Moritz, is doing very well. The search committee for the new dean has not been appointed yet, but Dr. Barton asked the Assembly to support adequate SON faculty representation on the committee.

- SOP – Dr. Dan Gustafson
  The SOP held faculty governance election. Dr. Gustafson was elected secretary but there were no candidates for president or vice president. The faculty is trying to determine how to interest faculty members in holding these offices.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.