CU Denver Faculty Assembly Meeting
March 3, 2015
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
LSC – 14th Floor Chancellors Conf. Room

Minutes

Attendees: Farah Ibrahim, Judith Coe, Leo Brueederle, Jessica Sowa, Tammy Stone, Travis Vermilye, Diane Turner, Omer Sarwana, John Ronquillo, Mike Radenkovic, David Tracer, Rebecca Hunt, Bruce Neumann, Eric Baker, Lucy McGuffey, Sam Walker, Kathryn Cheever, Sarah Hagelin, Pamela Goodwin, and Provost Nairn

12:06 PM Joanne Addison, CU Denver Faculty Assembly Chair
  • Meeting brought to order

12:07 PM Provost Nairn – Office of the Provost
  Office of the Provost Updates
  • Current Searches:
    o Grad School Dean: The final candidates have been meeting with each of the campuses. Please look for future open forums to meet with candidates.
    o Business School Dean: The committee has been reviewing applicants and have recommended finalists.
    o Title IX Coordinator: The committee continues to gather recommendations for candidates and discussing compliance issues.
    o Center for Faculty Development, Director: The search committee is currently reviewing applicants.
    o CU Denver Chancellor: The search committee is currently reviewing applicants.
  • Other Updates:
    o BOR Meeting: The meeting with the Board of Regents went well. Much of the discussion was on budget and fees.
    o OMBUDS: The OMBUDS office is meeting needs at this time. Future structure and options for a faculty OMBUDS will be reviewed in the future. Joanne announced that there have been a few instances where the office was not able to assist and the assembly was contacted. Faculty have voiced that they would like to have a person in that office with faculty experience.
    o CU Online: The CU Chancellors continue to work at the system level to discuss online options. The campus level strike force has been working on a report and discussing different academic titles for this initiative. The budget and other financial options are being reviewed through BPC. Faculty Assembly has asked that the person in charge of the CU Denver online initiative have academic oversight and to work with the current faculty pool and hire within units and departments.
12:39 PM  Christine Stroup-Benham, Office of Institutional Research & Effectiveness  
Jenna Mathison – Digital Measures
Christine Stroup-Benham gave a background on the options of having a faculty information system. Discussion for this need has been occurring on both the CU Denver and CU Anschutz campuses. Jenna Mathison is a representative for the company Digital Measures that provides software for higher education to collect information and help provide a housing for reports and options for a proposed online eFRPA. Activity Insight is a centralized database that would pull information from PeopleSoft and HRMS. There wouldn’t be a need for faculty to input new information. This is becoming a standard in universities across the United States. Jenna ran through several of the screens and areas of the system that faculty would become familiar with. Benefits include; housing of faculty information in one database, including evaluations, and data / reporting available for administration. If you have any questions, please email Christine Stroup-Benham at Christine.Stroup-Benham@ucdenver.edu or Jenna Mathison at jmathison@digitalmeasures.com.

1:30 PM  Joann Addison – CU Denver Faculty Assembly, Chair  
Chairs Report
- Approval of February 2015 Minutes:
  Motion to Approve: John Ruhnka  
  2nd: Rod Muth  
  CU Denver Faculty Assembly; unanimously approved
- CU Denver FA Bylaws: Legal is reviewing the bylaws. Once we have compiled the final version, it will be brought back to the assembly for a vote.
- Chancellors Search: Candidates will hopefully be on campus in April. Updates to follow.
- CU Denver Faculty Assembly Elections / Committee Chairs: The CU Denver Faculty Assembly will hold leadership elections at the May Meeting. We will also be looking for people who are interested in becoming a Chair of a committee. If anyone is interested in running for a position please contact the current leadership / chairs or Karin Rees at Karin.Rees@ucdenver.edu.
- Retirement Benefit Changes: Lisa Landis will be presenting changes to Retirement Benefits at the next meeting.

1:40 PM  CU Denver Faculty Assembly Committee & Campus Reports:
- Auraria Library: No report at this time.
- Academic Personnel Committee (APC, Judy Coe): APC has been discussing the Excellence in Scholarship, Teaching and Learning, faculty grievance reviews, workplace environment, climate issues, and bullying on campus.
- Budget Priorities Committee (BPC, David Tracer): Nothing more to report from other budget updates given by the Provost.
- Educational Policy and Planning Committee (EPPC, Rebecca Hunt): EPPC has been looking at a resolution on HIP’s. Discussion included a survey of current HIPs currently being done to be collected and made into a database.
- Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board (FACAB, Leo Bruederle): FACAB met Monday, 2 March and discussed criteria for selecting a recipient for the Friends of Auraria Award that will be new this spring. In addition, FACAB representatives from the three institutions are collecting information regarding diversity initiatives on the Auraria Campus, with a goal of working with the Downtown Denver Initiative to better promote these to the
Learning, Educational Technology, Teaching & Scholarship Committee (LETTS, Jessica Sowa) LETTS has been reviewing FCQ data and response rates for online courses.

Disabilities Committee (DisC, Leo Bruederle) The FA DisC met Thursday, February 26th and continued to discuss the universal syllabus statement addressing disabilities. Based upon feedback from FA and the CFD, it was decided to take a grassroots approach to implementation beginning with CLAS. There has been no progress identifying a home for web-based resources for: 1) faculty with disabilities and 2) faculty working with students with disabilities. As such, it was determined to again work with CLAS to update that website with a goal of linking it at high-profile sites (e.g., FA, HR). Subsequently on Monday, March 2nd, Amy Vidali and Leo Bruederle met with Lisa McGill (Director, DRS) and Susan Rexroth (Assistant Director, DRS) to discuss collaborating on a variety of issues relevant to faculty working with students with disabilities. Amy and Leo will also serve on the DRS Advisory Committee, which is being established by Susan.

Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender, & Intersex Committee (GLBTI) GLBTI will be hosting a Safe-Zone Training through the Faculty Assembly on March 13th at 11am in the LSC. Please look for an announcement to register. If you have questions on this training, please contact Karin Rees at Karin.Rees@ucdenver.edu or at 303-315-2091.

Minority Affairs Committee (MAC, Farah Ibrahim) MAC is hosting an event on FCQs on April 3rd. A flyer was handed out at the meeting. Please look for future announcements on how to register.

Committee on the Status of Women (CSW, Sarah Hagelin) WIC has been working on an administrative policy statement and training related to Title IX. They are also working on resources for Title IX as this moves forward. The committee has officially changed the name from Women’s Issues Committee to the Committee on the Status of Women.

Student Government Association (SGA, Omer Sarwana) Student Government will be working on a wellness referendum. They are asking faculty to provide 5 minutes before class to raise awareness and get feedback. Students are also working on funding that they received for a Greek Life Feasibility Study. SGA will now be working with a Graduate Assistant Study on Greek Life.

University of CO Denver Association of Lecturers and Instructors (UCDALI, Pam Laird) UCDALI will be meeting with Provost Nairn and AVC Goodwin on March 13th. The spring 2015 Event on April 16th at 3:30pm-5:00pm on NTTF Service. The CLAS NTTF Professional Development Applications are due March 20th.

1:55 PM New Business / Old Business

2:00 PM Meeting adjourn