CU Denver Faculty Assembly Meeting
October 6, 2015
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
LSC, Chancellors Conf. Room

Minutes

Attendees: Farah Ibrahim, Carol Dee, Bruce Neumann, Sommer Browning, Weldon Lodwick, Diane Turner, John Wyckoff, Tammy Stone, Mike Radenkovic, Lucy McGuffey, Sarah Fields, Lucy Dwight, David Bondelevitch, Rebecca Hunt, Jimi Adams, L. Rafael Sanchez, Leo Bruederle, Kathryn Cheever, Jody Beck, Cary Weatherford, Edward Dill, Yufeng Han, Denise Pan, Pamela Laird, Joanne Addison, Sam Walker, Andy Rumbach, Laura Goodwin, Provost Nairn, and President Benson

12:08 PM Joanne Addison, CU Denver Faculty Assembly Chair

Meeting brought to order

- Approval of September 2015 minutes (with revisions)
- Motion to approve: Farah Ibrahim
- 2nd motion: Rebecca Hunt
- CU Denver FA: Unanimously approved

12:10 PM Cary Weatherford - Office of Institutional Planning, Senior Planner

CU Denver Wellness Center Project and North Classroom Renovation Update

Cary Weatherford attend the meeting to discuss plans and ideas for the CU Denver Wellness Center. This will have a student commuter space focus with space for mind, body, and spiritual balance. Initially for CU Denver students only with future opportunities for faculty and staff to purchase memberships. Discussion / highlights included; security access points, outdoor programs, equipment rental, guided trips, group exercise classes, acupuncture, chiropractic care, and a bicycle shop. Please look for future opportunities to be involved in this discussion.

The North Classroom will now be run through Cary Weatherford. Peter Knudsen has left CU Denver. There will be a faculty open session to discuss needs on October 19th (10-1045a, 1-145p, and 2-245p) in the Student Commons Building, Conf. 5018. Future dates and times will be announced. Please try and attend to voice your ideas and concerns for this learning space.

12:37 PM Provost Nairn - Office of the Provost

CU Denver Campus Updates

- Space / Facilities: President Benson helped tremendously finding funds to begin the renovation to the North Classroom. CU Denver will continue to submit projects for funding. Like the Auraria Library, projects may become available for one-time funds. The Tivoli Student Center has CAM moving into a space soon. AHEC is also trying to update many areas in the Tivoli. The Lawrence Street Center will be looking at condensing OIT to one floor as well as space consolidation at AMC.
• People: President Benson announced that Dr. Dorothy Horrell will begin as the new CU Denver Chancellor on January 4, 2016. She will be working with Chancellor Wartgow in the fall to help with the transition. The new Graduate School Dean, David Engelke, began on October 1st. He will be getting to know everyone. He will be invited to a future faculty assembly meeting. The Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance position currently has 2 candidates (1 external and 1 internal). The Business School Dean Search is being developed. Dean Paul Teske will chair the search committee. There is a search consultant that will be used to find highly qualified candidates. The Center for Faculty Development has hired Margaret Wood as the new Director. She will begin her position in January. The Title IX group has been working on structure and training opportunities. Space is being discussed for office space.

• Students: This was the largest freshman class throughout the CU system, although there has been a steep decline in both graduate and undergraduate international students.

• CU Online: Discussion of how to best support online teaching and learning opportunities continues to be discussed at both campus and system levels. Structure of these initiatives is being reviewed. CU Online will remain as a separate department. Mary Beth Susman will try to come to a future meeting. She has been the consultant for these initiatives.

• CU South Denver continues to grow and the programs have been very successful.

• Q & A: There were several issues the first day of classes with internet outages. Several faculty were unable to get online to their syllabus and schedules. Regina Kilkenny and the Provost will discuss these issues with Russ Poole and Dave Thomas.

1:00 PM  Joann Addison, CU Denver Faculty Assembly, Chair

Chairs Report

• Joanne Addison discussed the recent budget report that was sent out.

• Title IX Ally training will be held on December 4th. Please look for future announcements on time and location.

• Food drive and pantry sponsor: There is currently a shortage at the student food pantry. If you are interested in bringing in food or donating, please visit the website at: http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/studentlife/CommunityEngagement/GetInvolved/Pages/Food-Pantry.aspx

• CU Denver Faculty Assembly Bylaws: A copy of the bylaws was sent out electronically. Please try to review them so they can be voted on soon. Some of the major changes include; the University name change to CU Denver, name change for the Women’s Issues Committee to the Committee on the Status of Women, eliminated the Diversity Committee and made each of the prior sub-committees standing committees, with new descriptions and operating procedures that were approved by the committees last year, also that faculty assembly leadership can’t hold a position as an office or administrative position higher than department chair. Items to think about would be adding a limit on the number of terms for the faculty assembly leadership or members.

1:30 PM  President Benson - Office of the President
President Benson spoke to the assembly about the CU Denver campus, CU system, and the future of higher education. Key topics included; the recent Chancellor Search, philanthropy at
CU, the new CU marketing campaign, and future facility / building improvements. We thank President Benson for having time available and attending the meeting.

2:10 PM  Meeting adjourned