Attending Members: John Wyckoff, David Bondelevitch, Robert Flanagan, Kevin Rens, Maria Buszek, Michele Engel, Bruce Neumann, Peter Schneider, Nancy Ciccone, John Brett, Allan Wallis, Stephen Billups, Pam Laird, Joy Berenberg

Guests: Zen Camacho, Shawnee Anderson

12:00PM John Wyckoff, Chair
Approval of March minutes with suggested changes

12:10PM Chair’s Report
- Election Results: 12 ballots received and slate elected as nominated:
  - John Wyckoff, Chair
  - Bob Flanagan, Vice Chair
  - David Bondelevitch, Secretary
- Dismissal for Cause status report: UCCS personnel voted for same motion as we did. Faculty Council did not want to take up an issue which negated original motion, so a request was made to Board of Regents to work with Faculty Council and not yet take any action—vote scheduled for June.
- Faculty Forum at Starz on Monday April 4th from 4:00-5:00 PM:
  Occurred yesterday, 20 faculty members present. Responses were generally positive, good questions.

12:30PM Committee Reports

APC: No report
BPC: April meeting will be on April 18th. We’ve had a report on projections for revenue which look good; reduced the deficit a lot. In discussions with Rod & VCF Jeff Parker, we’re being very careful in planning for this. We’ll be in a good
place to accommodate whichever cuts come from the legislature. Every school and college should have a faculty governance body that focuses on budget.

**EPPC:** No report

**LETTS:** No report

**Diversity Committees:**

**Disabilities:** crafting a statement on disabilities in order to complete one suggested uniform statement: for example to place on syllabi. The committee hopes to put statement forward to the Faculty Senate. Complaints have been received about the lack of accessibility to 9th street offices. Ramps are not allowed due to historical status. Question: what next? Speaker in the Fall to talk about the subject of mental health curricula and faculty responses in the wake of recent shootings.

**FACAB:** interviews for EVPA included four individuals, will offer job to one. Issues coming forth about accessibility and safety resulting from all of the construction on campus. After all these years, an extensive investigation of underground utilities has been put together. Now we know where we can really put buildings in the future.

**UCDALI:** about to have elections for next year. We’ve lost several involved members. We are regrouping in terms of our executive committee. We’ve recruited some CAP folks; we’re continuing meetings with various deans. We had planned to have a pre-accreditation event, but it was impossible to schedule. Sent out an email to NTTF about accreditation, what it means, etc.

1:00PM Old Business

- Renaming of Metro State College: what would the impact be? An issue to ponder, decide whether or not to act. Denver State University is the proposed new name of Metro. The name is actually in statute, so in order to change the name the state legislature has to change the name by legislative action. Discussion on potential effects on CU Denver.

1:15PM New Business

- Wisconsin-Cronon email: we need to think whether or not we can use our university emails to contact our colleagues and suggest to them they contact their state representatives (for example on the metro issue). From what I’ve been reading about the constraints on the use of email it may be legitimate because it is on the base of supporting our institution. If we were to use them to do anything that was partisan even things related to the university we could be in trouble. Bill Cronon in Wisconsin (historian and political active) jumped into the debates about what was going on with unions in Wisconsin. Freedom of information petition to read all university based emails. Questions from UC Denver faculty on what do we do about this?? We need to strongly advise our colleagues to establish and use a personal email account. Legally, you can receive a partisan email, but if you forward it then you’re vulnerable to university sanctions. Suggest we bring in a
University legal expert to explain how these work. Provide questions prior to meeting, and hold a discussion regarding legal

- Community College Joint Admissions: proposal being put out to test the waters to have joint admissions between CU Denver and metro area community colleges so that a student who wishes to transfer after 2 years at a community college can be admitted here when they start going to the community college. Accepted at community college and UCD at the same time, but still must fulfill all other admission requirements at time of entrance into UCD. Rationale is we attract students that otherwise may not come to UCD (capture at start of community college), negatively we’ll be cannibalizing our own first 2 year students. Would they opt to go to community college for first 2 years due to budget concerns rather than community college? Discussion.

1:30PM  Bill Cherowitzo-Ombuds Office for UCD DDC
- Concept is to increase the size of the Ombuds Office on campus, and have a faculty type person in the office. The other campuses have tried this and it’s been successful. Boulder has 2 part-time people; UCCS has a person as well. Faculty members are generally more inclined to go talk to a faculty person who knows the system and can be more helpful than a staff person (more experience with faculty issues) Hiring a recently retired person would be ideal. Would take some pressure off the privilege & tenure process. Other issues could be dealt with in a far more effective manner. Ask our administration to consider increasing the Ombuds office by hiring 2 recently retired faculty members, 1 for each campus perhaps, supported part-time, and receive training in mediation. Assemblies should have some say into who should be appointed to these positions. Peter Schneider: I move that the resolution be passed as written. Seconded. Allan Wallis moves to make an amendment to remove "active" from wording. Friendly amendment: active is there in case no retired person can be found. Amendment: “persons who are well-regarded faculty members and preferably retired, of their respective campuses, to be known as "faculty ombuds persons".

2:00PM  Adjourn