Downtown Campus Faculty Assembly
Minutes
February 2, 2010
12:30pm-2:30pm
CU 299

Lunch served at 12 noon

Members Attending: John Wyckoff, Roxanne Byrne, Pam Laird, Robert Flanagan, David Bondelevitch, Michelle Comstock, Bruce Neumann, Allison Bashe, Tanner McDonald, Michelle Engel, Allan Wallis, Elaine Jurries, Louise Vale, Candan Duran-Aydintug, Laura Argys, Hamid Fardi, Jan Bialasiewicz

Guests Attending:
Zen Camacho, Vice Provost
Laura Goodwin, Associate Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs
Roderick Nairn, Provost
Jeff Parker, Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance
Mark Stanker, Vice President, Payroll and Benefit Services
Danielle Zieg, Director, Internal Communications

12:30 PM Meeting Call to Order- John Wyckoff, Chair
- December Minutes approved
- Announce President Bruce D Benson’s schedule for Feb 3 2010

12:35 PM

Jeff Parker, Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance

Provost Nairn:
- CU System communication will come from President Benson, CU Denver communication will come from Chancellor Wilson
- Right now what we’ve been asked to deal with is a 50 million dollar cut to CU system; no clarity beyond 50 million dollars

Jeff Parker:
- 50 million dollar cut split into 2 fiscal years; 29 million this year, 21 left to reduce in FY 2010-11.
- AMC vs DC cuts based on percentage of general funds
- Next revenue forecast to come in March.
- We are starting “what if” conversations now so we are prepared for the future.
- Sources and use analysis has been used for 5 years at the college level. This information is shared with the Deans yearly at the budget retreat, BPC, etc. This year the President’s office asked for additional data at the department level for CLAS and ENGN. We are comparing performance from year to year.

Next Meeting: March 2, 2010  12:30-2:30PM  CU 299
1:00 PM  Provost Roderick Nairn
- Dental school—we have an exceptional Dental school, had a very successful accreditation visit, care for hundreds of patients annually, incident will still be in the newspapers for a few weeks.
- John Wyckoff: The Post reported the word “Denver” was going to be removed from everything dealing with AMC, is this true?
- Provost Nairn: the Regents reaffirmed the consolidation, took the study of consolidation off the table; satisfied with information regarding consolidation effectiveness. As recently announced by President Benson’s Office, UC Denver is our overall institutional name. The AMC and AMC Schools/Colleges will be branded as e.g., University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus - without the “Denver” in the title.
- We are trying to expand summer opportunities. 60 classes scheduled for this Maymester.

1:22 PM  Danielle Zieg—Shortly we are to send NSEE to our first year students, and to seniors who have been identified as completing their entire career at UCD. Survey administration begins in the next 2 weeks, administered for 4 weeks, range of questions touching on their experience in the classroom, location, advising, etc. In the past, we have not done much with NSEE data, but the administration is committed to looking closely at the data to assess changes. Survey is distributed by NSEE, email invitations to participate with an individual links.

1:30 PM  Mark Stanker, Vice President, Payroll & Benefit Services
- Discussion of Dependent Eligibility
- Changed focus to pre-verification for dependents to be enrolled as of July 1 (to avoid “harsh” undertone)
- See attached report

2:00 PM  Chair’s Report
- Teri Burleson will be here next month to discuss ISIS
- Until the end of Roxanne’s Chairship, there was a push to consolidate the two Assemblies; has not progressed since the Regent’s upheld consolidation. Does the Assembly think we should try to go ahead with consolidating the two assemblies?
- We will re-visit issue at March 2 meeting.

2:15 PM  Committee Reports

Budget Priorities Committee
** BPC has put together a survey of faculty, review process that’s happening. Short survey, open ended, opportunity to voice concerns, make suggestions to the President’s 3 ways to reduce the budget.
2:25 PM     **Report from UCDALI**

Group continues to meet with school and college deans, and new award was just announced: Award for a unit, Best Practice with Non-Tenure Track faculty, $2500 award. March 19th last day to get proposal into Laura Goodwin’s office

**Old Business/New Business**

* LETTS will investigate an issue with the use of field trips for students, particularly in natural/social sciences. The office of risk management is putting tighter restrictions on the use of field trips as an educational tool mainly because of liability.

* Roxanne is starting phased retirement, and will be stepping off ISIS committee—looking for someone to step into her shoes and to do so by the end of April, beginning of May will be stepping down to middle of June.

2:08 PM     Adjournment