CU Denver Faculty Assembly
September 2, 2014
12:00 - 2:00pm
LSC – 14th Floor Chancellors Conf. Room

Minutes


12:07 PM Joanne Addison, CU Denver FA Chair

- Meeting brought to order
- Introductions
- Approval of May 2014 Minutes; Motion: Rod Muth, 2nd: David Bondelevitch
  CU Denver Faculty Assembly unanimously approved.
- Faculty Recognition Program – Paper nominations for the CU Denver Faculty Recognition Program were handed out. All faculties are eligible for this award. Faculty can be nominated once every academic year. Please let Deans and Chairs know that this opportunity is available to recognize faculty. Nominations can be submitted online at: http://www.ucdenver.edu/faculty_staff/faculty/assembly/downtown/Pages/Faculty-Recognition-Program.aspx or paper copies can be dropped off at LSC, Suite 320 or interoffice mail (CB 192 UCD) Attn: Karin Rees. Awardees are followed up with to assure this acknowledgment has been received and nominators will be notified of the outcome. For questions please contact the Faculty Assembly at 303-315-2091 or Faculty.Assembly@ucdenver.edu.
- FCQ’s: The FCQ’s have been revised and the new form will be used this fall. The questions are felt to be better worded. Karin Rees will send the revised form to the assembly.
- CU Denver Faculty Assembly Bylaws: The Chairs of the Faculty Assembly committees were given a first draft of the Bylaws that are currently being revised. The goal is to have this completed within the next year.
- An article was handed out on Shared Governance for review. Discussion topics on what this means to faculty and how can it be more transparent at CU Denver. This information can be given to committees or if there is enough interest a sub-committee to look into shared governance can be discussed.
- RTP Process: Consideration of how an online RTP process might look like. The VCAC is currently discussing on how to put this process fully online.
- Center for Faculty Development Update: The CFD is still awaiting a budget review after census date and will be discussed further on how to proceed for the Director search.
- Climate Survey: The Climate Survey results have been posted on the Faculty Council website. If the assembly is interested in looking further into this data, we could ask for Pat O. to run data that the faculty assembly might find more useful. If you are interested in furthering this discussion, please contact Joanne Addison.
12:28 PM Leanna Clark, Vice Chancellor of University Communications
Karen Klimczak, Director of Marketing

University Communications Focus

Leanna Clark and Karen Klimczak discussed the recent advertising campaign “Learn with Purpose”. A post assessment survey was distributed to over 1200 people. The findings gave Communications new ideas on how to move forward. Overall the campaign was very successful at reaching a variety of audiences. The goal is to stand out as a strong urban University. University Communications handed out tech screen cleaners and CU Denver key chains to the assembly.

12:53 PM Raul Cardenas, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Office of Student Affairs Update

Raul Cardenas updated the assembly that this year was the largest incoming freshman class with around 1355 students. This year’s transfer class was also substantial and around 1455 students. Applicants went from 3000 to 7000 in the last year. Student Affairs continues to focus on student retention. In the past, we typically lose students between the freshman and sophomore year and then the junior and senior year. Faculty has an important role in helping with student retention. Advising and intervention can be critical in helping a student be successful. The current degree audit system is being upgraded so that students can keep better track of their academic careers. International students continue to be crucial for the University enrollment. Combined efforts with the Office of International Affairs, the Center for Faculty Development, and the Faculty Assembly are working to determine the best ways to support faculty with students that are struggling with classes, language barriers, and being fully prepared for future courses. The team in Student Affairs is also working to better obtain data and link it with other areas like Financial Aid for a better picture. Raul Cardenas will return and update the assembly with the latest data.

1:18 PM Jeff Franklin, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Undergraduate Experiences

Research Symposium

Jeff Franklin discussed focusing on quality academic quality in the undergraduate experience at CU Denver. The focus of the experience; attracting students, retaining students, and completing students will help everyone. This can open conversation to campus leadership to provide more support for faculty, staff and help with the undergraduate experience for students.

Jeff announced the Undergraduate Symposium to be held on October 3rd. This is an important event that brings faculty and staff together as a whole to discuss the undergraduate experience for students. Historically faculty is underrepresented. Jeff is looking to faculty assembly to help be a leader and engage their colleagues to participate. Please help distribute the flyer symposium with anyone that would be interested in your departments.

Jeff discussed the Learning Enhancement Task Force Report. The research in this report has been ongoing for 2 ½ years. The question throughout has been, how to improve quality student learning. The report discusses these recommendations. Karin Rees will send out the report for review and please send any questions or comments to Jeff Franklin.

Below are the top 4 recommendations:
- Strengthen the campus culture around teaching and learning
- Reaffirm campus-wide commitment to the teaching and learning of the central skills and dispositions for all undergraduates, in all majors
- Integrate curricula across the entire undergraduate experience linking undergrad and major
• Increase student engagement and learning by increasing the availability of high impact practices – please see handout for list.

The hiring of a fulltime Center for Faculty Development Director can be a leader to develop / teach, and further assist faculty with non-English speaking / foreign students. Many of these recommendations align with changing the faculty culture on campus. The group that has been reviewing this information also focused on Enhanced Learning Outcomes. – please see handout.

1:30 PM  Provost Nairn, Office of the Provost
Provost Update
Provost Nairn welcomed faculty back for the new semester.

Personnel Updates:
• Nelia Viveiros was introduced as the new Special Assistant to the Provost.
• CAM Dean: Laurence Kaptain is the new CAM Dean.
• Office of International Affairs: Is currently undergoing structure changes. John Sunnygard and Elaina are assisting Regina Kilkenny this process.
• CLAS Dean: Pamela Jansma is the new Dean in CLAS. She will begin on September 9th.
• SOM Dean: Finalists have been identified and interviews will continue. Updates to follow.
• Grad School Dean: Terry Potter will be the Interim Dean at this time. The search committee will begin at the end of the month.
• OMBUDS Update: Peter Bryant has stepped down from the Faculty OMBUDS position. New positions for Faculty OMBUDS on both campuses are being discussed.

Space Updates:
• The Academic 1 Building is now open. A contest to name the building is underway. Look for future announcements.
• The North Classroom is scheduled for renovation and backfill.
• One time money was received last year for the renovation of the Auraria Library.
• Other renovations will occur in the CU Denver Building and Annex area.

APPC:
• The CU Denver APPC has done a tremendous amount of work and the project is near completion. The Deans recently had a retreat to review and information was shared with the Chancellor for leadership review. The formal report will be taken to the November Board of Regents meeting.

CU South Denver:
• The CU South Denver location is up and running at the Wildlife Experience. This area of Denver is fast growing and the University of Colorado is taking the steps to be available for students in this area. CU Denver is taking the lead at this location. UCCS and CU Boulder are now showing more interest in having courses at this location. The space includes about 12000 sq. ft. for high tech classrooms and simulation labs. Look for future announcements.

Online Initiatives:
• Future discussion on enhanced support for CU Online. There are more interested in hybrid and more online class opportunities.

1:45 PM  DDC Faculty Assembly – Committee / Campus Reports:
▪  Auraria Library – No report at this time.
▪  Academic Personnel Committee (APC) – No report at this time.
- **Budget Priorities Committee (BPC)** – No report at this time.
- **Educational Policy and Planning Committee (EPPC)** – No report at this time.
- **Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board (FACAB)** – No report at this time.
- **Learning, Educational Technology, Teaching & Scholarship Committee (LETTS)** – No report at this time.
- **Diversity Committee (DC)** – Inactive at this time.
  - **Disabilities (DisC)** – No report at this time.
  - **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, & Intersex (GLBTI)** – Troyann Gentile will be the Chair for GLBTI and David Bondelevitch will continue on the committee as the Vice-Chair until the spring. The committee is currently working on the system-level GLBTI committee to plan the annual symposium. The event will be held on Friday, November 7th at 1pm on the Anschutz Medical Campus. There is also safe-zone training on that day beginning at 11am – 1pm that is highly recommended for faculty. Fundraising was done through several different departments at all 4 campuses and have raised nearly $9000 for these events. Please look for future announcements and please forward to students.
  - **Minority Affairs Committee (MAC)** – No report at this time.
  - **Women’s Issues (WIC)** – No report at this time.
- **Student Government Association (SGA)** – No report at this time.
- **University of CO Denver Association of Lecturers and Instructors (UCDALI)** – No report at this time.

2:00 PM Adjourn