CU Denver Faculty Assembly Meeting

September 6, 2016
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
LSC, Chancellors Conf. Room

DRAFT Minutes

Attendees: Joanne Addison, Provost Nairn, Raul Cardenas, Jennifer Sobanet, Bruce Neumann, Hans Rosenwinkel, Mike Radenkovic, Liliya Vugmeyster, Dan Koetting, Kelly McCusker, Sommer Browning, David Bondelevitch, Jeffrey Schrader, Amy Vidali, Rebecca Hunt, Pamela Laird, Lucy McGuffy, Carol Dee, Regina Kilkenny, Eric Baker, Tammy Stone, Peter Anthamatten, Ed Dill, L. Rafael Sanchez, Mark Pogrebin, Leo Bruederle, Sherry Taylor, Lucy Dwight, Vivian Shyu

12:00 PM Joanne Addison - CU Denver Faculty Assembly Chair
- Meeting brought to order; introductions of members made.
- Sheet of suggested speakers was passed around. If you have speakers, you would like to have at a FA meeting email Lee Potter at Lee.Potter@ucdenver.edu

12:08 PM Provost Nairn – Office of the Provost
- The new School of Business Dean, Rohen Christie-David started August 1st.
- Preparing two new dean searches. The dean of Engineering is stepping down, and the dean of the College of Architecture and Planning is retiring. Hopefully somebody will be in place before next summer.
- There is a search for a new Auraria Library Director. Regina Kilkenny is the supervising authority, and Laura Goodwin is chairing the search.
- Late in the spring the ombuds for the Denver campus Kathrine Greenwood took a job at UC Davis. That situation is being worked on.
- Census day is September 7th at 5 pm. A final more accurate number on enrollment will then be available.
- There have been talks with the executive committee of the BPC and the deans about the slightly larger deficit at the end of fiscal year 15-16 at closing date. It is thought to be a one-time issue. The details of that are currently being worked through, with the fix believed to be a one-time correction. There should be more details available at the next Faculty Assembly meeting.
- There will be a major renovation to North Class Room. The estimated cost is 33 million dollars. The update will touch most classrooms but the majority being facilities related. The renovation will be very disruptive to those utilizing North, but some schools and colleges have transition plans in place to manage the disruptions.
- The campus is currently getting ready to break ground on the Wellness Center. The ceremony will be on September 22nd. It is a student funded building that will make a huge difference for student life. This summer Amber Long was brought on board as the executive director.
There are some renovations taking place in Tivoli, mostly effecting CAM. Regina Kilkenny reports that the Auraria Library is almost done and has reached the point of “substantial completion.”

There will be a rededication ceremony for the Library October 21st.

The content management system is being updated, and switching over to Sitenfinity.

There are a lot of things going at the university, system wide related to HR and Finance that are complicated. There was a switch over to a new system, which may lead to delays when trying to work with HR and Finance administrators. This is currently being sorted out.

FCQ program at Boulder needs to be updated, which will have a ripple effect into our campus.

12:20 PM Jennifer Sobanet – Vice Chancellor of Budget and Finance

Introduction and background

Elevate is the HR and Finance system project. The system change is hard on the administration and is reflected in support systems not working as quickly. It is getting better and the system office has created an executive committee to hopefully help speed up and address the issues brought forward by the project.

12:30 PM Joanne Addison – CU Denver Faculty Assembly Chair

Asked the Provost about the possibility of bringing in the candidates for the Regent at Large Chair position.

12:35 PM Raul Cardenas – Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

General thanks to faculty for attending Convocation.

Wanted to welcome all Faculty and Staff to the Wellness Center, and to all events that are normally marketed towards students.

Passed out unofficial census numbers to give a look into this year’s enrollment.

Enrollment has steadily been increasing since 2013, and the unofficial census shows that enrollment of undergraduate is up 5% from last year.

It was another record year for Freshman enrollment, only missing the goal of 1500 by 7 students. With 57-58% being historically underrepresented minority students. 90% of students are coming from the Denver area.

The campus is 21% Hispanic students, there are conversations about aiming for becoming a Hispanic serving institute.

Financial Aid budget hasn’t increased in the last 5-6 years. It is possibly effecting the yield of prospective student applications.

Joanne Addison brought up the SGA resolution that focused on the faculty’s preparedness surrounding the expanding diversity of campus.

Wanted to remind faculty that the Lynx Center is the go to for any questions revolving around students and faculty. To reach them call (315-LYNX).

Opened up for questions.

- Member asked what to do if they notice inefficiencies within the system, and Raul responded that they should reach out and call him. He wants faculty to reach out to him with problems so that they can be addressed.
- Another member brought up the student screening issues at CUCS.
- Final question brought up about student health insurance. To enact mandatory health insurance for students on our campus there would need to be new legislation to ask for permission. That is being looked into, the previous insurance program was cut because it was an eight-thousand-dollar cost to the student. Administration attempted to negotiate that down, but it was unsuccessful.
Joanne Addison – CU Denver Faculty Assembly Chair

Chairs Report

- Vice Chair Denise left last year, and now the assembly needs a new vice chair. If you would like to be vice chair or think of somebody that would be a good candidate email Lee Potter at Lee.Potter@ucdenver.edu or Joanne Addison at Joanne.Addison@ucdenver.edu. We would like to have the election at the next meeting.
- Joanne wanted to remind the faculty about the recognition program, and the importance of thanking the great work that our faculty are doing.
- Brief discussion on the Dean of Digital Ed and CU online.
- The decision has been made to review all of the Regents Laws and Policies.
  - Committees have been formed to start addressing the changes. There are faculty representatives involved at all levels of this as well as serving on all the committees.
  - All changes will be reviewed by not only the faculty council but both the faculty assemblies as well.
  - All faculty and staff members on campus will be able to review changes on a website further down the line.
  - Comments that come from the faculty body as a whole will be given more weight than individual comments.
- Boulder’s FCQ technology is antiquated and they have decided to change the system. Two new tools are going to be piloted with 800 students. All of the classes have been identified, through a voluntary process and the classes will span all of the schools and colleges. There is no question that paper FCQs will no longer be used.
  - Concerns raised with only online FCQs and internet access across campus.
  - If there are more questions or comments regarding FCQs please reach out to Joanne.
- The Budget is being addressed with Jennifer, and the issues from last year are being worked on.
- Motion to approve April meeting minutes: Rebecca Hunt, David Bondelevitch Seconded.
  - 14 approved, 8 abstained: Minutes approved.
- Motion to approve May meeting minutes: Rebecca Hunt, David Bondelevitch Seconded.
  - 13 approved, 9 abstained: Minutes approved with revisions.

CU Denver Faculty Assembly Committee & Campus Reports:

- Academic Personnel Comm (APC): APC met on August 23rd, there is a system wide committee to develop an anti-bullying policy. There are anti-bullying policies that protect students, but none to protect employees. The committee has been working on this for the last year. Reviewed APS 2027 Code of Conduct, a list of policies. Found that there was a lack of anti-bullying policies.
- Budget Priorities Comm (BPC): no report
- Committee on the Status of Women (CSW):
- Educational Policy & Planning Comm (EPPC): There are several initiatives being looked at this semester. One is looking into a course forgiveness policy; another is looking at how to better the tuition benefit program. The committee is following up on a student senate resolution about faculty becoming more involved in equity issues, and culturally responsive pedagogy.
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, & Intersex (GLBTI): The annual symposium has been scheduled for Friday November 11th in Boulder. It is being cosponsored by EMAC, so it will also focus on minority affairs.
• **UCD Assoc. of Lecturers & Instructors (UCDALI):** There is a fall event planned for October 6th from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, in the student commons building 3rd floor solarium. It is a resource lunch for all NTTF. There will be a new tier of membership called the Bridge Network, that will hopefully increase engagement with all NTTF. Lastly a UCDALI newsletter is in the works.

2:00 PM    Meeting Adjourned