

Academic Innovation Advisory Council

Formation and Charge

As CU Denver works toward accomplishing the goals put forth in the Strategic Plan, the Digital Strategy Task Force, and the Microcredential and Badging Working Groups, the need for an advisory council to coordinate efforts has become more apparent. Many of the initiatives that will support academic innovation across the campus involve several existing committees (e.g. LETTS, EPPC, UCC, Grad Council), groups (e.g. Faculty Assembly, UCDALI, Staff Council, SGA, CPE), and units/offices (e.g. Registrar, Bursar, OIRE, UComm, Budget, General Counsel, Advising, OIT, the Auraria Library) that will need to continue to collaborate and coordinate to achieve CU Denver's short-term goals and longer-term strategy to become a University for Life.

To that end, CU Denver is piloting the formation of an Academic Innovation Advisory Council (AIAC) that will:

- ensure that various committees, groups, and units across campus engage in the creation and development of academic innovation initiatives;
- create and maintain effective communication channels when initiatives involve multiple committees, groups, and units;
- ensure that already-existing governance, policies, and processes are being respected and honored in the implementation of academic innovation initiatives that impact both local and campus-wide infrastructure;
- offer feedback and/or recommendations when already-existing governance, policies, and processes may need changes or adjustments to keep pace with new technological and digital innovations;
- review and offer feedback to responsible committees, groups, and units on processes for launching, maintaining, and improving new and/or existing academic innovations as well as any accompanying resources (e.g. trainings, documentation) that will be developed in support of these initiatives;
- provide an accountability structure (e.g. through RACI documentation and other tools) for leaders who are charged with implementing cross-campus academic innovation initiatives.

It is anticipated that advising from AIAC in specific areas may be just-in-time and/or time-limited; however, other aspects of infrastructure development and guidance related to academic innovation may be needed on a longer-term or ongoing basis. Members will be asked to serve in staggered 2-year terms.

Possible timely topics that could be brought forward to AIAC for review and guidance include:

- local and campus-wide infrastructural development and ongoing guidance related to microcredential programs created for curricular, co-curricular, and professional learning uses in both academic and non-academic units (including proposal, development, approval, and review);

- local and campus-wide infrastructural development and ongoing guidance related to digital badges created for curricular, co-curricular, and professional learning uses in both academic and non-academic units (including the proposal, development, approval, and review of skill badges and recognition badges);
- supports and resources needed to continue a campus-wide conversation on artificial intelligence regarding engagement with AI tools across the schools, colleges, and various campus departments.

The Academic Innovation Advisory Council will meet quarterly for 90-minute sessions held over Zoom in September, November, February, and April. No meetings of this group will be held outside of the academic year.