

February 13, 2018

Dean's Message for CAM Faculty and Staff

Strategic Initiatives of the College of Arts & Media:
Support an outstanding educational and creative student experience.
Embed entrepreneurship across the College of Arts & Media.
Support relevant research in the creative industries.
Advance CU in the City through CAM communication and branding.
Improve financial strength of CAM

- 1) Important information to share with parents and students:
<https://www.humanitiesindicators.org/>
- 2) Meow Wolf is coming to Denver. <http://dpo.st/2nQJqFG> and is slated to build near CU Denver. Several CAM faculty, students, and staff members have had contact and interactions with various officers, employees, staffers and creators involved with Meow Wolf. Chancellor Horrell has designated CU Denver's Chief of External Initiatives, Nolbert Chavez, to work toward finding the best ways for institutional coordination with this exciting new entity. **CAM is and will always be at "the table" in shaping relationships with this, and other important external entities.**
- 3) All CAM students (MEIS, FiTV, and VA) have the opportunity for complimentary memberships to the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver. To sign up online for student complimentary membership, they should visit: <http://bit.ly/cammca2018> and choose Individual Level. CAM student majors should use code: **CAMMCA2018** at checkout. <http://dpo.st/2CePvjw>
- 4) Chancellor Horrell cited several CAM connections with the community in her Friday, February 9, 2018 newsletter to the campus that you all received via email. <http://bit.ly/2o1nHKy> As you can see, she cited the La Boehme Experience <http://bit.ly/2EVLxiT> (led by digital design faculty and students) in the NXT STG Gallery, and the Belleza Mexicana Exhibit <http://bit.ly/2Ezsq0e> in the Emmanuel Art Gallery.
- 5) Regarding Area Heads, there is still much to learn about how CAM's infrastructure can function in the best ways possible. I know that the Chairs are working/have worked thoughtfully with their departments to make the necessary adjustments to these assignments. I will continue to rely on their expertise and decision-making here.
 - a) Be aware that the exact budgets have not been set for next year yet and we are working very hard to find the best ways to balance faculty work with staff resources, work study, and support from AHEC.
 - b) Know that enrollment growth and student retention—for the entire campus--will be key elements in future funding. **CAM is being measured and will be measured like other units.**
 - c) Do not make plans or assumptions on budgeting or staffing unless it is in writing from a Chair—and they have worked through Karen Ludington and/or Stephanie Kelly.
 - d) I want to continue finding ways for faculty to dedicate their time to research/creative activity, teaching, and service.
- 6) Thanks to all faculty who submitted names for guest speakers for the Arts & Technology Forum sponsored by The Colorado Business Committee for the Arts, the Denver Business Journal and the College of Arts & Media on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 4:00-5:30 pm in the Tivoli Community Theatre. Please mark that date and note that seating will be limited. Shannon will send out an RSVP in the near future.

Onward!

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Laurence Kaptain, Dean

