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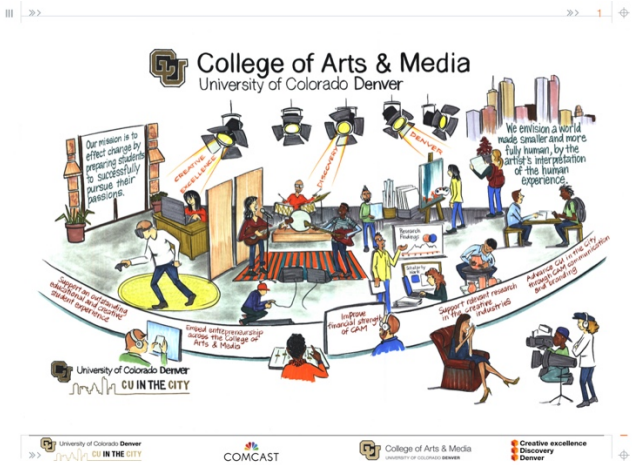

Message to CAM Faculty & Staff

Colleagues,

1. Changes in CAM leadership and structure.
   - As previously announced, Dane Webster will begin August 1, 2018 as the new Associate Dean of CAM for Faculty and Student Affairs.
   - Michelle Carpenter will begin serving as Chair of the Department of Visual Arts on August 1, 2018.
   - Amy Foss (Career Advisor) has returned from Maternity Leave.
   - Stephanie Kelly and CC (Christie Chambers) will be going out on Maternity Leave.
   - Dr. Laurie Baefsky will become Associate Dean for Research, Collaboration, and Innovation on August 15, 2018. She is currently executive director of ArtsEngine and the Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities (a2ru) housed at the University of Michigan, and works locally, nationally, and internationally to support and strengthen arts and transdisciplinary arts endeavors in higher education. Her appointment came after a national search. As a skilled grant writer, her efforts have resulted in over $5.3 million in arts funding through from federal, state and private sources.
   - After a national search, Cameron Kantner has been named The Career Development Specialist (CDS). His role is to support and coordinate career development services for CEAS, CAM and CMTC students. The position involves planning, developing, and implementing programs, activities, counseling, and advising focused on students' career development. This person works with students and potential employers. The CDS will also solicit employer interest and involvement in student employment. The position is also responsible for managing the CAM Student Agency and establishing and facilitating internships and student engagement with the CMTC. It will also work on special projects with CEAS.
   - There is a new NCMF IT Professional, Cole Whitecotton.
   - CAM IT Director Christian Ecker will be leaving CU Denver at the end of June. A national search for a new IT Director is currently under way.

2. Teaching loads in the College of Arts & Media are the ones agreed upon when faculty signed employment agreements. There are broad differences in unit budgets across any university—and CU Denver is no exception. There are no "standard" faculty salaries, nor teaching assignments at CU Denver. Units differ—and it seems highly unlikely that there will be changes across the campus. Of course, receiving a large grant—or donation for named position could provide certain faculty with a differentiated load. That would be on a case-by-case basis.

3. LYNX Camps will enroll over 250 students this summer. What Peter Stoltzman and Owen Kortz started with 26 students in 2014—has become a national model for success. This past AY we have 34 current CAM students who went through the LYNX Camps. We are eager to learn in September how many more have enrolled in CAM, who have attended LYNX Camps. The added income to CAM faculty, staff and students was more than $180K this past year—and will be higher this summer.

Onward!

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