



November 12, 2019

Dean's Message to CAM Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

We are well past the half-way point of the semester and moving rapidly toward Finals Week, Student Projects, and another Commencement. At the outset of this message, please place the CAM Graduation Reception on your calendars. It's Saturday, December 14, 2019—and whether or not you have any students graduating—please make every effort to attend. The CAM Graduate Reception will be held at the Downtown Courtyard Marriott following the ceremony at 11am. One of the highlights of the semester (for me) is to join the Chairs in presenting the Outstanding Student Awards. In my 5+ years and 10+ Commencement ceremonies, the outstanding students (based on a vote of the faculty), have often gone on to important local, regional, state, national, and even international positions. Here are some news items:

- 1) There is now a [College of Arts & Media Dean's Student Advisory Committee](#). Thanks to Haleigh Shipley and Film & TV Senior Sofia Shappell for moving this forward. Kristen Barrett is also involved to assure that students concerns are addressed and ideas are advanced. The first meeting was very positive.
- 2) The Deans met with President Kennedy and he is expressing interest in advancing entrepreneurship, innovation, and boosting Denver's presence as a Smart City. In the latest rankings, Denver is #33, Copenhagen #5 and Singapore #1. The top five global cities are Singapore, Zurich, Oslo, Geneva and Copenhagen. Nine U.S. cities made the list; the highest ranking one is San Francisco (12), followed by Washington, DC (31), Boston (32), Denver (33), Seattle (34), Los Angeles (35), New York City (38), Chicago (53) and Philadelphia (54). CAM has MOUs with institutions in both Copenhagen and Singapore.
- 3) CAM is always interested in hosting international leaders who can advance faculty research and creative work—and provide pathways to student success:
 - [Kris Imants Ercums, Curator of Global Contemporary and Asian Art](#) will be here Thursday, November 14th and will be giving a talk on Queer Artistic Practices in Contemporary Korea at the Emmanuel Art Gallery from 12:30pm to 1:45pm. Yang Wang, community partner Sammy Lee, and Gaye Leonard all helped to arrange this.
 - Dean Donald Bowyer from the School of the Arts at Sunway University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia will be doing a brief presentation and will be available to meet with faculty, staff and students on Wednesday, November 20th at 2:30pm in the Playback Room in the CU Building. CU Denver (OIA) has signed an MOU with Sunway—a private institution that has a program dedicated to placing students in US universities. Opportunity!
 - Dean Richard Allen of the School of Creative Arts at the City University of Hong Kong will be visiting CU Denver on Friday, November 29th, and will be available for faculty, students, and staff to listen to his presentation and visit him at 1:45 pm also on the 8th Floor of the CU Building.

There will be a faculty exchange between Sunway University and CU Denver. Professor George Hess will be coming to CU Denver and Sam McGuire going to Malaysia—each for a week, during the Winter Term of 2020.

Onward!

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