



University of Colorado
Anschutz Medical Campus

CU Anschutz Medical Campus Faculty Assembly Meeting

September 29th, 2020
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Karen Sousa, Roderick Nairn, Ethelyn Thomason, Bonnie Gance-Cleveland, Christi Piper, Cindy O'Bryant, Elizabeth Ramos, Inge Wefes, Jacqueline Jones, Jamie Just, Jan Gascoigne, Lee Potter, Louis Morales-Shnaider, Melissa De Santis, Joan O'Connell, Randy Repola, Sheana Bull, Toby Trujillo, Neil Krauss, Laura Borgelt, Joann Brennan, Ty Kiser, Lee Potter, Provost Nairn

11:30 p.m. Jacqueline Jones, PhD RN FAAN FRCNA, CU Anschutz Faculty Assembly Chair

- Meeting brought to order

11:35 a.m. Roderick Nairn, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

- The Provost would like the Assembly's support on the mission, vision, value statements that they need for the higher learning commission reaffirmation. The university is up for reaffirmation for accreditation in April. The goal is for all the governance groups to endorse them again. Although this is not the time to wordsmith the statements, there will be time later down the line when that might be possible.
- Jacqueline Jones: Motion to endorse the Mission, Vision, Value statements as provided by the Provost.
 - In Favor: 9, Not in Favor: 0, Abstain: 0
 - Motion approved.

12:00 p.m. Randy Repola, Chief of University Police

- In June State legislation passed senate bill 217, which addresses several areas in policing. The primary focus is on use of force and tracking of crime statistics on certain demographic groups. The University Police is currently in compliance with all the new requirements. They will start collecting more demographic data from their interactions. Although parts of the senate bill exempt campus police, they are planning on following it, and are already compliant in most areas.

12:15 p.m. Don Elliman, CU Anschutz Chancellor

- The campus is up and running, they are doing remote learning when it is possible. They have 800 to 900 students on campus on any given day. The education mission is moving on pace.
- The research mission is moving along. All of the labs are open, and productivity is somewhere between 75 - 80%. Everyone can access their labs, the university is just managing capacity.
- We have had around 30 cases since June 6th when they began tracking them. They have not had any outbreaks.
- The plan is to continue with the current protocols for the foreseeable future.
 - The goal is to avoid needing to shut down.
- State funding was cut by 58%, they got CARES money that can backfill some of that. The CARES money can't be used to directly backfill what the state cut, so there has been a lot of navigation of the budget.
- The clinical activity is just about back to pre-covid levels.
- Our education mission for the year was completed despite some of the difficulties we faced. Our research numbers are great. In terms of research awards we were up 8.3%, our NIH numbers were up 16.6%. Our Clinical revenues ended up flat, but given there was no clinical activity from March – May we did great.
- There are some major issues that we are trying to address. They are planning on a campus wide strategic plan to be completed by June of next year. There is a lot of work to do on mental health. Where we were in a mental health emergency before, we are in a crisis now. The number of people in need continues to grow significantly. Working on addressing that is a major priority for the chancellor.
- Regina Richards was brought on as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Community Engagement. There is a ton of work for our campus to do in the DEI and community outreach.
- The two major things being worked on at the system level are Online and IT.

**12:40 p.m. Sheana Bull, Interim Senior Faculty Fellow for Online Learning
 Laura Borgelt, Associate Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives, Skaggs School
 of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical sciences**

- President Mark Kennedy reached out to the Office of Digital Education to look at how to expand their mandate to search all four CU campuses. Part of this effort was the creation of the Online Accelerator Committee. This committee was charged with overseeing this expansion and transition alongside several working groups. Those groups had focuses on financial issues, academic issues, online services, marketing communications, and information technology.
- Laura Borgelt was the Anschutz representative for the Academic working group. That group focused on coming up with recommendations for some key issues in the transition. A few of those were; how do we determine if online programs are successful. Another is if an online program wants continued support from ODE what are the selection criteria for programs to be endorsed and supported. Another key area was how program duplication would be supported through a partnership with ODE.
- Around Mid-July there was some concern amongst the chancellors that the financial model that was emerging for this transition would not be tenable. President Kennedy then asked the Online Accelerator Committee to take a pause.
- A second group of consultants were brought in to review the budget model and they gave their recommendations.
 - One recommendation they gave was that the Online Accelerator Committee be disbanded, and the transition move back to being a more campus centric

approach. The Chancellors and Provosts have requested that they be more involved in the recommendations, to ensure that each campus' interested are represented.

- The current plan is for a 100-day planning period where Alpha Education would work with each campus, and move forward with recommendations for how to move forward.
- Campuses will have the option to opt in or out for services from ODE.

1:00 p.m. Laura Borgelt, Associate Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical sciences

- Laura is stepping into a new role as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives. She will be working on creating a campus wide strategic plan, identifying strategic priorities and initiatives. We have not done this in the recent past. Although our accreditation will remain joined with the Denver Campus, we will be moving forward to create a campus specific plan for ourselves. Faculty voice is so critical in this process. She has been arranging meetings with both faculty and staff groups, they are also going to be meeting with the Deans and the leaders of the schools in a meet and greet fashion to keep those communication lanes open.
 - The goal is to get information from the schools about what they are passionate about, what we do well, and what big ideas do you have that we could implement as a campus.
- The goal is to make this process as transparent as possible and be agile. The strategic plan needs to be done by the end of June.
- The strategy will be to take a wide approach to identify areas where there is strength overlap between the schools and explore those areas. It is important that each school still be able to maintain individual identities through this process.

1:20 p.m. Jan Gascoigne, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

- She created a group that has been meeting with Jackie, the President of staff council, and the President of SGA, and Regina Richards, to talk about what topics that are being brought up around campus in the DEI area. They are working on identifying their shared goals in these areas.
- They are looking to expand the You@CUAnschutz Portal to faculty and staff. They are close to launching that functionality.
- They are also working on a workshop for faculty on how to identify distressed students, and how to help them get the resources they need.
- In the last few weeks, around 20 students have applied for emergency funds through the CU Anschutz Shares program.
- The Library is now open from 5AM to 10PM.

1:30 p.m. Jacqueline Jones, PhD RN FAAN FRCNA, CU Anschutz Faculty Assembly Chair

- The Regent Candidate event is on October the 5th. It is a non-partisan event, it is a shared governance activity.
- EPUS is reviewing a document that moves to have an increase in the minimum number of community representatives on Dean searches.

1:00 p.m. School or College Reports

- **College of Nursing:** The Dean reported that they reached a stabilization in their budget and would be ending their furloughs starting at the end of October. There is a new director of Informatics, and Associate Dean.

- **School of Medicine:** No Significant News
- **Graduate School:** Preparing for recruitment. There is a transition in the graduate school, the 13 Biomedical Science PhD programs will be moving to the medical school.
- **School of Pharmacy:** They have been focusing a lot of time on online teaching, as some of their students were having issues accessing canvas.
- **School of Dental Medicine:** Admissions is up and running, they have more applicants this year. They are at 2800 for 80 spots. They were granted permission to open 10 more chairs in their building on a second floor.
- **Strauss Library:** Hours have changed. They help organize the one book one campus program. Those book events are coming up.
- **School of Public Health:** They are planning their annual all faculty meeting where they will focus on structural racism and other DEI topics.