



University of Colorado  
Anschutz Medical Campus

## **CU Anschutz Medical Campus Faculty Assembly Meeting**

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
11:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Zoom

### **Minutes**

**Attendees:** Roderick Nairn, Lee Potter, Cindy O'Bryant, Catherine Flaitz, Angela Brega, Joann Brennan, Melissa De Santis, David Port, Karen Sousa, Bonnie Gance-Cleveland, Elizabeth Ramos, Ethelyn Thomason, Wlad Labeikovskiy, Randy Repola, Louis Morale-Shcniader, Heather Anderson, Tamara Terzian, Sophia Khan, Inge Wefes, Neil Krauss, Toby Trujillo, Carie John

**11:30 a.m. Cindy O'Bryant, CU Anschutz Faculty Assembly Vice Chair**

- Meeting brought to order

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

- Right now there is a lot of talk about how we can be flexible around Faculty Evaluations. The Provost is meeting with the Deans this coming week to discuss this.
- There are continued talks about the long-term effects of the Tenure Clock extension.
- Annual evaluations are a lot more unit specific on our campus vs. the CU Denver Campus.
- The HLC accreditation is coming up on April 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. This time around it is a lot more compliance based.
- There are changes in the structure in the Office of the Provost. There will be a split so that more focus can be given to both campuses individually. Provost Nairn will be moving to Anschutz to continue his work with the campus.
- We continue to do a great job keeping campus safe. Research is continuing to operate; the new rules and regulations are not affecting that. Our educational areas are still running well.
- The school of public health has been talking about how Covid has been affecting females in particular. Angela Brega asked if this is something that is being discussed at the higher levels of Administration.
  - This is something that they are talking about. The Provosts have been talking about this, and they are looking at putting together a Faculty Affairs group to focus on this.
  - Moving forward it feels like this is going to need to be done on a campus level.

- Faculty Council is working on this and they are looking at the data of how the pandemic has affected female faculty.
- There was an update from David Port that the Regents voted down the tuition refund petition.
- There has been some flexibility from the system on the annual evaluations. There will be some general guidance coming out on this for both the Denver campus and the Anschutz Medical campus.

**12:00 p.m. Joann Brennan, Interim Vice Chancellor of Faculty Affairs  
Carrie John, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Enrollment Operations and University Registrar**

- There is a need for the university to layout some guidelines on credit hours and contact hours.
- A document has been drafted to serve as a framework and resource in support of:
  - Developing, Delivering, and innovating curriculum and courses.
  - Establishing Denver/Anschutz guidelines that align with state and federal governing guidelines
  - Assisting schools and colleges in their responsibilities to implement, audit, and report, credit and contact hours.
  - Meeting accreditation requirements for our campuses
  - Defining minimum expectations.
- This document outlines how credit hours translate to contact hours, these are minimum guidelines only.

**12:40 p.m. Neil Krauss, Director of Initiatives and Outreach**

- They are setting up Asymptomatic testing early next week in Ed 1. A second location will be opened in Ed 2. More information will come out as this is developed. There is another site at the Aurora Public Schools where there is a drive-up station for testing.

**12:50 p.m. Randy Repola, Chief of University Police**

- Covid is still the number one concern on campus. Car theft is still up in the metro area and our campus is not immune.
- Faculty, Staff and Student off campus reporting of Covid Positivity is not required but we recommend it as we can then help and then try to provide as much support as possible.

**1:30 p.m. Cindy O'Bryant, Vice Chair of the Anschutz Faculty Assembly**

- Faculty Council sent a letter to the Board of Regents regarding some meetings that were held without good representation from Faculty, and that all meetings must be open to the public.
- Ethelyn Thomason Motions to approve minutes, Cindy O'Bryant Seconded, Minutes unanimously Approved.

**1:45 p.m. School or College Reports**

- **College of Nursing:** Their programs are moving along. The majority being offered online aside from a few parts. Their biggest challenge right now are clinical sites for their students.

- **School of Medicine:** The Basic Science PhD programs need to turn program data into the Dean of the School of Medicine by the December 1<sup>st</sup>. Its not clear who will be evaluating that data for the programs. The proposal to have a new associate dean to oversee those programs has not been committed too. Dean Riley has indicated that they are on the final approach with a candidate for the Chair of the Department of Medicine. Two other search committees have been established for chairs of physiology and pharmacology.
- **Graduate School:** Most programs are remote, some programs are meeting on campus for labs and other in person. They are heavily involved in program reviews right now. The PhD programs in biomedical sciences will be moving to the medical school.
- **School of Dental Medicine:** Medical programs in RC1 and RC2 are still underway with 50% occupancy. This seems to be going well for the students. The Dean is negotiating with a single finalist right now for the Chair of Medicine. Admissions are still very strong right now. Their interview process is moving very smoothly with the program they are using.
- **School of Public Health:** They have also decided to go fully online for the spring. They had been working on a strategic plan, but the pandemic has made that difficult. They are now looking at how they can navigate their strategic plan within the pandemic. They are doing a lot of work on Structural Racism and other DEI issues. They are going to be pilot testing DEI questions in course evaluations and annual evaluations.