

Faculty Assembly's  
Educational Policy and Planning Committee ([EPPC](#))

**MINUTES**

January 28, 2025 | 10:00 am

via Zoom: <https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/97522609238>

In attendance: Chair, Wendy Bolyard, School of Public Affairs; Vice Chair, Jeff Knight, CLAS; Jing Zhang, School of Business; Kodi Saylor, Library; Stephan Hartke, CLAS; Matthew Shea, College of Architecture and Planning; Margaret Woodhull, CLAS; Lori Elliott, School of Education & Human Development

**1. Call to Order:** Wendy called the meeting at 10:01am

**2. Approval of Minutes from December:** Minutes approved

**3. Financial Aid – work study reduction of funds**

There was discussion on the reduction in work study funds. The Director of Financial Aid met with the associate deans last week, and shared that CU Denver is out of compliance for the work study program. Therefore, the funds have been cut by a half.

One member clarified that existing work study awards were not in danger, but new students applying for work study might face issues. If you hear anything from students about lack of work study funds, let the committee know.

**4. Microcredentials**

In the December meeting, EPPC met with Jeremy Lingle. No follow-up has been received. EPPC would like concerns addressed related to faculty workload and the implication Microcredentials have for annual reviews, promotions, and tenure. Wendy will follow-up with Jeremy.

**5. Leadership Transitions**

- Chancellor
- Provost

The new Chancellor begins February 1, the same day the Provost is stepping down.

Concerns were raised about the fate of the recent academic transformation working group reports. EPPC members were invited to attend the Faculty Assembly meeting with the new Chancellor next week.

**6. Graduate Council**

The Council of Graduate Schools has been retained, and consultants will be on campus in March. A recommendation was made to put this on pause since the university will be searching for a new provost. This recommendation was not taken. Michael Kocet has been sending out messages to faculty and faculty groups about the upcoming dates so that they may attend meetings with the consultants.

## **7. Other Business / Announcements**

***Adjunctification*** – call for submissions

<https://adjunctification.cu.studio/submissions/>

Wendy shared about the digital peer-reviewed journal, *Adjunctification*, which was started at CU Denver. Contingent faculty are encouraged to submit their work.

### ***EPPC Chair Election this Spring***

Wendy reminded the members that her term as EPPC chair was ending and encouraged others to consider taking on a leadership role.

### ***Federal Leadership / DEI***

The committee discussed the impact of recent changes in federal leadership on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. They noted the removal of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) web page by the CU system and the renaming of similar pages at other institutions. Concerns were raised about the treatment of undocumented students, with no clear guidance provided to faculty on how to address these issues.

Junior faculty have asked if they should remove the DEI policies from their syllabi. All federal grants have been suspended. That could affect many of our students. Clear guidance would be appreciated.

## **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Documents can also be found in [Microsoft Teams](#).