



Faculty Assembly
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER
CU Denver Faculty Assembly Meeting

March 2nd, 2020
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Lee Potter, Michael Zinser, Tod Duncan, Peter Anthamatten, Eric Baker, Maryam Darbeheshti, Colleen Donnelly, Jared Hanson, Brad Hinson, Vivian Shyu, Dale Stahl, Diana White, Linda Fried, Kelly See, David Bondelevitch, Jeffrey Schrader, Jeremy Nemeth, Sandra Bland, Candan Duran-Aydintug, Katherine Kelsey, Greg Ragland, Esther Sullivan, Diana Tomback, Xiojun Ren, Fernando Mancilla-David, Timberley Roane, Geoff Johnson, Kevin Seeber, Geeta Verma, Elizabeth Steed, Dennis DeBay, Cristina Gillanders, Angela Gover, Lonnie Schaible, Joann Brennan, Provost Nairn, Jaedo Park, Chancellor Marks, Tobin Bliss

(12:00 PM)

Michael Zinser - CU Denver Faculty Assembly Chair

- Meeting brought to order.

(12:05)

Roderick Nairn, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Colorado Denver

- The RTP process is underway. The Vice Chancellor advisory committee is underway.
- They are in the final steps of getting things ready for the HLC reaccreditation process. They will be here virtually April 26th and 27th. There will be one person on sight. The majority of compliance documents are almost completed.
- A question was raised whether faculty will be compelled to teach in person if they are uncomfortable with it.
 - They want to protect those who are at risk, and the Provost anticipates that all the parameters that were put in place prior will be used again.
- There are a lot of questions about vaccination and the return to campus.

(12:20 PM)

Joann Brennan, Interim Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs

- The contact hour guidelines document is being finalized. They also finalized their working group for the document. They updated a few of the modalities within the document. They removed the ratios for some of the modalities to allow for the schools and colleges outline the ratios based on specific situations.
- More schools and colleges are utilizing Interfolio. A lot of work is being done to optimize the tool. More will come on Interfolio.

(12:30 PM)

Committee Reports

- Disabilities Committee
 - Their committee got in touch with Faculty Council to re-establish a systemwide Access Committee. The committee will look at Climate, pedagogy, and will be more socially focused rather than medically focused.
 - They are also developing their website to have short things about accessibility and pedagogy that are useful for faculty.
 - They are also working to create a committee of Faculty and Staff, who will focus on accessibility on our campus, and being a point group for changes on our campus.
 - This is coming about because in the past working with Facilities only a few people are consulted when things around accessibility come up.
- Academic Personnel Committee
 - They are working on revitalizing CURFA, and looking at the pay equity survey, design and methodology. They are also working on APS 5063, and the Regent policy 11E.
- Educational Policy and Planning Committee
 - They are looking at the syllabus policy. They have been working with Joann on the Pass Fail policy and the Credit hour guidelines. One concern with the policy was some schools and colleges not aligning with the policy and not using the P+. Joann will look into this, as well as some questions about how faculty can see what a grade is if it is helpful in supporting our students.
- LGBTQ+ Committee
 - In response to the FA vote in November, to encourage gender inclusive training, they will hold a pilot with CAM. Depending on how that goes, they will want to roll it out to the whole campus.
- Budget Priorities Committee
 - They are consulting with administration over the next month or so on the budget model. They will be reviewing subvention and the budget model as a whole.
- Committee on the Status of Women
 - They reviewed the lactation policy. Within the policy there are somethings missing that are included in state law. One of those allows a woman to breastfeed in any place that she can be. A space is also required to be provided by employers. They feel like the spaces in North Classroom are not clearly marked.
- Learning, Educational Technology, Teaching and Scholarship Committee
 - The LETTS team has been focusing on DEI and Accessibility in the online space.
 - They are also very focused on Procurement & the Ethical Enterprise.
 - They are concerned about the criteria used when procuring technology as they want these criteria to be expanded to be more ethical and inclusive.
 - Virtual watch party of Coded Bias, is upcoming.
 - They made some recommendations to Joann Brennan on Fall 2021. Their recommendations were focused on digital ecosystem - replication/collaboration, hybrid 8-week cohorts for core DFW courses, a proctoring center, and instructional designers in CETL.
- ThingStudio
 - ThingStudio will be holding an unconference on March 19th, with the goals of how we can best support our students. The link is <http://bit.ly/cu-joyride>.
- UCDAI
 - They have posted CLAS and Non-CLAS professional development grants. They are hosting a grant writing workshop on March 16th. There is an IRC best practices Provost award that is coming up Mid-March.

(12:45 PM)

Geoff Johnson, Faculty Assembly Representative to the Remote Work Working Group

- A remote working handbook was distributed last week. It is a document that was created by the system. The Remote Work working group is using this document as a jumping off point to start their work. Geoff is request feedback on this document.
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(1:00 PM)

Michael Zinser - CU Denver Faculty Assembly Chair

- Approval of February Minutes
 - 29 yes, 1 abstain

(1:15 PM)

Tobin Bliss, Associate Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Planning

Diana White, Chair, Budget Priorities Committee

- Two groups were formed to focus on the ODE master services agreement.
- They would like some feedback on what the faculty would like out of this process with ODE.
- The Faculty Assembly will be meeting in two weeks to convene on these issues.

(1:30 PM)

Michelle Marks, Chancellor, CU Denver

- We are planning on a in person return to campus for fall. We have good science-based reasons to plan on a full fall return. With Faculty and Staff being added to the vaccination priority list, we are hopeful that we will be able to return to campus.
- The 5th street garage is fully ready to distribute our vaccines once we get them.
- Online Updates
 - Online and hybridity will remain an important part of our mission. The Chancellor is committed to continuing to have a broad online strategy. There is a need for a CU Denver specific digital strategy. We need a leader for this area, and we will be launching a search for that position for our campus next week.
 - We have reached a temporary agreement for 1 year to have ODE to continue supporting preestablished online programs that we have. We are working through a Master Services Agreement, and the terms that we have reached are very favorable for us.
- For Vaccine Access, the Chancellor defines student-facing higher education employees as CU Denver Faculty and Staff. The hope is to get our campus community vaccinated by Fall 2021.
- They are in the middle of the Provost Search, and the Student Success search is underway.
- City Heights is well on the way. The 3rd floor is going to be made into a faculty hub. With the hope of creating space and community on our campus.

(2:00 PM)

Meeting Adjourned