



Faculty Assembly

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

CU Denver Faculty Assembly Meeting

October 6th, 2020

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Michael Zinser, Michelle Marks, Andrew Friedson, Angela Gover, Anne Button, David Bondelevitch, Brad Hinson, Bruce Neumann, Christy Briles, Colleen Donnelly, Cristina Gillanders, Crystal, Dale Stahl, Dennis DeBay, Diana White, Diane Tomback, Elizabeth Steed, Eric Baker, Eric Jewett, Fabian Laguna, Fernando Mancilla-David, Geeta Verma, Geoff Johnson, Greg Ragland, Inge Wefes, Jarrod Hinson, Jeffrey Schrader, Jeremy Nemeth, Joann Brennan, Kathy Kelsey, Kelly See, Kevin Seeber, Larry Cunningham, Larry Erbert Linda Fried, Lonnie Schaible, Maryam Darbeheshti, Peter Anthamatten, Roderick Nairn, Sondra Bland, Thomas Beck, Tobin Bliss, Tod Duncan, Vivian Shyu, Xiaojun Ren

(12:00 PM)

Michael Zinser - CU Denver Faculty Assembly Chair

- Meeting brought to order.
- Faculty Assembly Executive Committee Votes.
 - They voted Unanimously to support the letter brought forward by the LGBTQ+ committee.
 - They voted Unanimously to support APCs position on Regent Policy 3E.

(12:05)

Michelle Marks, Chancellor of The University of Colorado Denver

- Chancellor Marks has almost completed her 100 days of Listening Tour. This have not been easy for our campus during the pandemic, but we are doing a really good job working through it together.
- She joined the Faculty Assembly today to discuss our online initiatives.
 - Upon arriving at CU Denver she was asked to make decisions about our digital future. She reviewed the models that were being created and found they did not work well for our campus. She made her perspectives known and a pause was implemented to allow for a second review of the models.
 - A recommendation has been put forward for a model for ODE and Campus online initiatives. The idea would be for ODE covering non-academic support to the four campuses, without creating a 5th campus. Each campus would negotiate terms with ODE and create their own programs with support from ODE. The goal would be to have ODE become a flexible service that all the campuses can tap into.

- The Chancellor's vision is to serve the market we have been, but better, while being more flexible, with high quality offerings.
- The assembly had a few questions.
 - There was a discussion about overlapping courses from different campuses.
 - There was a comment that the library should be involved in this process.
 - There was a discussion about how CU Denver can differentiate itself within the new model.
- Tobin Bliss and his team is currently working on a program level template for the new ODE model. This is being worked on with the help of various committees.
- There are four vice chancellor level searches launching this semester. It is important to the Chancellor that these searches are transparent. There is a webpage on the Chancellor's homepage where you can track all the searches that are ongoing.
- AHEC has created a community advisory board for the Auraria Police. There will be a faculty member, staff member, and student from each of the institutions on campus.

(1:00 PM)

Roderick Nairn, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

- They did the fall semester faculty awards virtually this semester, but they still held them.
- Reaccreditation is still underway and they are on track for April. It will be almost an entirely virtual visit except for one individual who must come to campus due to federal law.
 - Work on the Mission, Vision, Value statements has concluded, and they are ready to push them forward into the next phase.
- An update was sent to Thomas Beck regarding a Faculty Assembly inquiry about technology support that we have been able to provide students during the pandemic.
- As far as planning goes there is still uncertainty about the pandemic and where we will be in the spring. They are working with the School of Public Health to make sure the campus is secure and safe.
- The RTP process is underway in the schools and colleges.
- There was a question regarding how FCQs will be used this semester. We will be back to the standard process for FCQs.

(1:15 PM)

Joann Brennan, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs

- A discussion was raised regarding the Credit Hour and Contact Hour Guidelines. We don't currently have a campus document that outlines these guidelines. A drafted document was sent to the Faculty Assembly for input. The hope is to have a finalized document that they can use in spring. This document will help our schools and colleges when building courses.
- The Faculty Activity Reporting tool is almost ready to roll out. They tried to utilize what was working with EFERPA and move it into their new tool. Faculty will find categories in the new tool that are very similar with EFERPA. This tool is being viewed as an iterative tool, and this is currently only the first iterations. The hope is that it will grow and change as needed. They created the tool so it can be customized to best fit our needs. Transparency is very important in the creation, growth, and development of the tool. The goal is that this can be a collaborative process.

(1:30 PM)

Michael Zinser - CU Denver Faculty Assembly Chair

- Approval of May Minutes
 - 23 yes, 5 abstain, 0 no. Minutes approved.
- Approval of September Minutes
 - 27 yes, 1 abstain, 0 no. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports

- BPC
 - They have been conducting budget trainings. These will be continuing at various times, and announcements will be distributed.
- APC
 - Members whose schools or colleges are looking at Bylaw revisions, should pay close attention to APS 5060 which is on Faculty Titles.
 - There was a revision of Regent's policy 3E, that addresses high level searches included Dean searches. EPUS and APC have recommended that the language in 3E remain untouched.
- LGBTQ+
 - A letter was drafted with a request that the Faculty Assembly endorse the position of Faculty Council to rescind the Purple Ink Policy.
- DisC
 - AHEC will be changing their snow removal process to stop impeding certain areas.
 - AHEC is going to be creating a helpline for people to call if they are stuck.
 - AHEC will be posting a number to call if something is broken and needs to be fixed.

(2:00 PM)

Meeting Adjourned