

# CU Denver Faculty Assembly Meeting

April 5, 2022  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Zoom

## Minutes

**Attendees:** Lee Potter, Melissa Tackett-Gibson, Jarrod Hanson, Peter Anthamatten, Lawrence Cunningham, Eric Baker, Jeremy Nemeth, Andrew Friedson, Candan Duran-aydintug, Kevin Seeber, Jeffrey Schrader, Dennis DeBay, Lisa Kelly, Esther Sullivan, Thorsten Spehn, Todd Ely, Gregory Ragland, Larry Erbert, Maryam Darbeheshti, Xiajun Ren, Joann Brennan, Constancio Nakuma, Colleen Donnelly, Inge Wefes, Linda Fried, Vivian Shyu, Ilkyeun Ra, Paul Taylor, Karen Sobel, Fernando Mancilla-David, Diana Tomback, Mia Fischer, Brad Hinson, Thomas Beck, Jaedo Park, Eric Jewett, Ian Whitman, Antonio Farias, Geeta Verma, Mary Coussons-Read, Sondra Bland

(12:00 PM)

### **Jarrod Hanson, Chair of the Denver Faculty Assembly**

- Approval of March Minutes, Motion Peter Anthamatten, Candan Duran-aydintug Seconded. Minutes Unanimously Approved.

(12:05 PM)

### **Constancio Nakuma, Provost CU Denver and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs**

- Searches
  - The Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs search is ongoing, with the hope of having someone onboarded July 1 or sooner. We have 42 applicants for the position and decided to go with a national search.
  - They have filled the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Institutional Research, her name is Beth Myers.
  - The Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Phillip De Leon will be starting August 1.
  - The search for the new Dean of SEHD has been completed.
- Task Forces
  - Joann Brennan and the IRC Task Force completed their initial report, and they will be presenting it to the Provost and Chancellor the first week of May. After that presentation the report will be made public.
  - The Digital Strategy Task Force presented their work to the Provost.
  - The Computing Across the Curriculum Task Force also presented their work.
  - The Health Across the Curriculum Task Force will be presenting recommendations soon.
  - The Strategic Enrollment Management planning is underway.
- Graduate School
  - They are working through all the new changes with the goal of rollout July 1. Efficiency is the focal point of this change, but cost savings are not necessarily the main point, the point is to align and produce an efficient structure that allows us to make further investment into our graduate programs.

- Sabbaticals
  - They reviewed and processed 42 requests, and they were brought forward to the Board of Regents.
- Academic Actions
  - Ethnic Studies will become its own department.
  - The MBA Degrees will now be multiple degree tracks.
  - The Data Sciences Degree has been approved by the University Affairs Council; it is being brought before the board.

*(12:30)*

**Antonio Farias, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

**Ian Whitman, Senior Data Analyst**

- They came to give a look at an embargoed presentation regarding the Climate Survey. This presentation will be presented to the Regents. This information will be distributed to the campus on April 7.

*(1:00 PM)*

**Mary Coussons-Read, Chair of University of Colorado Faculty Council**

- Dr. Coussons-Read came to discuss the collective bargaining bill. She the assembly insights into the current process, and status of the bill that is moving forward in the house right now.

*(1:30 PM)*

**Peter Anthamatten, Secretary of the CU Denver Faculty Assembly**

- Colleen Donnelly Motion to Vote, Eric Baker Seconded
  - Vivian Shyu Unanimously Approved for Vice Chair of the Faculty Assembly
- Larry Erbert Motion to Vote, Candan Duran-aydintug Seconded
  - Dennis DeBay Unanimously Approved for Secretary of the Faculty Assembly

*(1:35 PM)*

**Jarrold Hanson, Chair of the Denver Faculty Assembly**

- There were concerns raised about how age friendly our campus is. There is a group that will be looking at this.
- Jarrold wanted to thank all the faculty who were involved with the various Task Forces on campus. It is important that faculty stay involved in these processes.
- The Salary Equity Grievance Policy continues to be worked on.

*(1:45)*

**Committee Reports**

- **Educational Policy and Planning Committee**
  - They have a meeting coming up in a week and will be looking at campus policy 7050 which looks at academic integrity, and campus policy 7006 which is official measures of English language proficiency for admissions of international students.
- **Learning, Educational, Technology, Teaching and Scholarship Committee**
  - No Significant Updates
- **Committee on the Status of Women**

- They are meeting with the Women and Gender Center, and working on looking at the most critical issues identified for students, as well as the parental leave policy.
- **Ethnic Diversity Committee**
  - They met with the Chancellor and Provost regarding their emerging and critical issues fellowship and lecture proposal. They will bring it to the Chancellor's cabinet for discussion. They will be working on making the proposal more specific on the timeline and time commitment. They are also adding an undergrad and graduate student as non-voting members to the committee.
- **Disabilities Committee**
  - The committee is putting together a symposium on disability intersectionality and social justice in November. They have applied for some grants to fund this project.
- **LGBTQ+ Committee**
  - The Committee has decided to apply for the President's DEI Grants. They are working to get their application together to get some funding to expand and fine tune the Gender and LGBTQ+ inclusion workshops for Faculty and Staff, with an eye towards student retention.
- **Budget Priority Committee**
  - They have been reviewing proposed new programs, and the budget aspect of those. They have also been in discussions with the CFO to determine what regular reports can be generated to help with budget transparency concerns.
- **University of Colorado Denver Associate of Lecturers and Instructors**
  - They have been very busy working with the IRC Task Force. They are planning a couple end of year events, and just completed their election cycle. Beth Pugliano will be the new President of the Association.

*(2:00)*

**Meeting Adjourned**