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Faculty Council
December 5, 2013
11:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
1800 Grant Street, Denver, CO, 1st Floor Conference Room
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Meeting Minutes

Attending: Ravinder Singh, David Port, John McDowell, Joanne Addison, Peggy Jobe, Thomas Spahr, Jay Dedrick, Darren Chavez, Cathy Bodine, Catherine Kunce, Jill Pollock, Isabella Muturi Sauve, Melinda Piket-May

On the phone: Mark Malone, Mandi Elder, Christina Martinez, Richard Blade, Bruce Neumann, Mark Knowles and Pam Laird

Others attending: George Walker

Approval of minutes

Minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

Notice of Motions

APS 1026 - Roles and Responsibilities of Department Chairs

During this discussion, members asked for clarification on the use of the term 'department administrator'. They noted that its usage in the APS was unclear and suggested that the term be changed to department chair or leader. Members also noted that the fact that programs are independent of departments. Additional changes were made.

Council members went on to unanimously approve the APS with one no vote. Member Bruce Neumann indicated that he will send his suggestions for additional revisions to the EPUS committee for inclusion in an updated version of the APS. The updated version will then be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs for approval.

APS 1019 – Implementation of Regent Policy on Program Review

The Council discussed the changes to the APS, noting that they were necessary to provide clarity. The APS was unanimously approved as presented with one abstention vote noted.

APS 1025 – Uniform Grading Policy

During this discussion, Council members suggested that the Faculty Council inform the assemblies on the voting process in order to obtain the 60% vote required to pass the APS, including talking points on why voting on the APS is necessary. It was also suggested that the EPUS committee send a letter to all Deans, informing them of the proposed changes to the APS and encourage them to vote.

Chair Piket-May asked members of the Faculty Council to vote on the APS when voting commences and to spread the word to other faculty.

APS on Service and Leadership, Ravinder Singh

Ravinder reported that the APS was still under review by the EPUS committee. Members of the Faculty Council went on to approve the title change of the APS from Service to Service and Leadership, with 9 members voting in favour of

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the change, 4 no votes and 1 abstention. They also welcomed comments from the EPUS committee, once the committee has reviewed the APS again.

System HR Update, Jill Pollock

VP Pollock's report included a discussion on cyber security, including phishing attacks and the recent online theft of employee salaries. She asked faculty not to respond to any emails requesting access to employee portals and to be diligent in protecting their information.

Responding to this report, members suggested that additional steps be created to verify authenticity when changes are made to employee portals.

Academic Affairs Update, Thomas Spahr

Thomas' report included updates on the distinguished professor selection process, the approval of new degree programs at the Denver and Boulder campuses, the Diversity & Excellence grants and Thomas Jefferson award.

Faculty Council Chair's Report, Melinda Piket-May

Melinda reported that the Board of Regents had approved funding for the next phase of improvements to the football stadium at the Boulder campus. She added that the Regents had also discussed the rate of default on student loans among CU's students, noting that the University's average default rate is 3.8%, compared to that of the wider State at 10%.

In the ensuing discussion, members noted that media reports had indicated that Boulder athletic program had grown a lot over the last 4 years and wondered what percentage of that growth was funded by the CU administration.

Melinda added that the Regent Capital Construction Committee had discussed funding support for the visual arts complex at the UCCS and the Ketchum Hall on the Boulder campus and invited nominations for the Faculty Council awards scheduled for spring 2014.

Campus Reports

Anschutz, David Port

David reported that the assembly had discussed the role of the faculty representative to the Health Trust Board and ways in which the role is evolving.

Colorado Springs, Mandi Elder

No report.

Boulder, Peggy Jobe

Peggy reported that additional expansion of the east campus was planned and that both faculty and students had concerns about the lack of room for food service and study areas. Peggy also gave an update on the Be Bolder campaign.

Committee Updates

EMAC, Mark Knowles

Mark reported that a video of the Student Retention Symposium keynote address will soon be available for viewing.

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Communication, Mark Malone

No report

Budget, Bruce Neumann

No report

Women, Cathy Bodine

Cathy's report included an update on the CU Women Succeeding symposium and the concerns for space as well as presentation proposals received to date.

CURFA, Richard Blade

No report

EPUS, Ravinder Singh

Ravinder reported that the Committee was still discussing the APS on program discontinuance and that it will be ready for review and discussion at the next Faculty Council meeting.

New Business

Diversity at UC Boulder, George Walker

George Walker discussed the lack of diversity at the Boulder campus and the 1970 Jessor report on 'Equality of Educational Opportunity at the University of Colorado'.

The Council also discussed its policy on entertaining visitors during its meetings and agreed to review the by-laws in order to clarify the proper procedures for invitation and attendance.

Fiduciary Representative for Faculty, Bruce Neumann

Bruce raised the issue of a fiduciary representative for faculty and indicated that he would send more information to Chair Piket-May for discussion at the next Faculty Council meeting.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting will be on January 23, 2014 in the 1st floor conference room.