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Faculty Senate Meeting
October 30, 2014
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
1800 Grant Street, Denver, CO, 1st Floor Conference Room
http://www.cu.edu/FacultyCouncil

Attending: Melinda Piket-May, Erik Hanson, Mark Malone, Gloria Main, Michael Harper, Paul Chinowsky, Michele Companion, Gail Katz, Kathleen Bollard, Mike Lightener, Jay Dedrick, Deborah Keyek – Franssen, Julaine Field, Bita Rivas, Ravinder Singh, Catherine Kunce, Carmen Stavrositu, Joanne Addison, Peggy Jobe, Isabella Muturi Sauve, Laura Borgelt, Lisa Douglas, David Port, Jeff Weiss.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 25, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Presentation on Digital Learning – Deborah Keyek – Franssen

AVP Keyek-Franssen asked members of the Council for their digital learning needs as well as what technologies they need in the classroom to further augment active learning. Council members noted that they would like learning spaces that mirror the professional spaces the students are training for, simulation labs and accessible furniture among others.

CU South Denver campus - Lisa Douglas

Lisa gave an overview of the CU South Denver campus, including the facilities available, staffing efforts, outreach to the local community, including businesses, accessibility to students from all CU campuses and ownership transfer of the campus to CU. She went on to invite Council members to tour the campus.

Academic Affairs Report, Kathleen Bollard

VP Bollard reported that the deadline to submit a proposal for the President's Fund for the Humanities grant is October 31, 2014. She went on to note that the advisory board reviewing the proposals could use a representative from the Boulder campus and invited recommendations for possible candidates.

Michael Lightener, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs also introduced himself and invited members of the Faculty Council to contact him with any questions or concerns they might have.

VP Bollard noted that she did not have an update on House Bill 1319, in response to a request for an update from Council members.

Lessons Learned in Faculty Governance at CU Boulder, Paul Chinowsky

In his report, Paul Chinowsky noted that for faculty governance to be successful, trust, transparent communications, realistic expectations, the role of individual evaluations, and non-traditional connections must be taken into account. He also added that a historical perspective into past decisions and issues is also important in assuring that positive collaborations between the administration and faculty exist. He went on to discuss hindrances to faculty governance, including the lack support for

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faculty and staff governance as well as the lack of visibility of the Faculty Council. He asked several questions about how we can have stronger faculty governance, increase the number of quality faculty members participating, and how tangible support from administration can be encouraged. He concluded that he would welcome an opportunity to discuss how well faculty governance is working at a later date.

Faculty Council Update, Laura Borgelt

Laura updated Council members on the progress made towards achieving the dashboard goals and thanked members for their efforts in accomplishing the goals. She went on to report on the CU Diversity Summit held on October 24, 2014, noting that the panel on faculty governance had been successful and attended by provosts, vice chancellors and vice presidents.

Regarding the Climate Survey, Laura reported that she will suggest 3-4 actions items that the Faculty Council can work on and give an update during the December meeting. She also noted that the conversation on the how best to administer the tuition benefit is on-going.

Lastly, Laura reported that she had accepted an Associate Dean position at the School of Pharmacy, starting January 1, 2015. Her faculty responsibility will remain 50% or more during this transition. She added that the executive committee had discussed the potential impact her new role would have on Faculty Council and determined (by unanimous vote) that she will continue serving as Faculty Council chair until the end of her term on June 30th, 2015. Further, the executive committee will review the bylaws in an effort to clarify what to do in the future when members of the Faculty Council taccept administrative positions during their term(s).

Gloria Main, CU Retired Faculty Association

Gloria reported that CURFA had held its first meeting of the year.

Campus Updates

Denver, Joanne Addison

Joanne reported that the program prioritization report for the Denver campus had been sent to the Board of Regents in early October and that searches were underway for a Chancellor, Title IX Coordinator and Director for the Center for Faculty Development.

Anschutz, David Port

David reported that interviews are underway for a new Dean of the School of Medicine and a national search is also ongoing for the Dean of the Graduate School.

Colorado Springs, Michele Companion

Michele reported that the campus will hold an all faculty retreat in the spring 2015 and that the Provost will attend all the Assembly's executive committee meetings going forward.

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Boulder, Peggy Jobe

Peggy reported that the BFA was planning on holding an election to fill committee vacancies and bring them up to functioning levels with quorum.

Committee Updates

EPUS Committee, Ravinder Singh

Ravinder reported that the committee had reviewed APS from the Office of Information Security. The APSs will be brought before the Faculty Council for a vote during the December meeting.

Personnel Committee, Gail Katz

Gail discussed the committee's progress on its dashboard goals so far.

Communications Committee, Mark Malone

Mark reported that the committee is revising the Faculty Communication plan and will present a draft of the plan to the Council during the December 2014 meeting.

Women's Committee, Melinda Piket-May

Melinda reported that planning was underway for the Women's symposium, which will be held on February 26 & 27, 2015. The theme of the Symposium is 'Pioneering Women' and registration will open on November 10, 2014. Melinda added that the Committee was also conducting an accessories drive for the organization 'Dress for Success'. She also requested suggestions for possible nominations for the Gee Award.

EMAC, Mark Knowles

Mark reported that EMAC is working on a white paper on recruitment and retention. He added that in response to increased enrollment of minority students at CU, the committee had written a letter to all Campus Diversity Officers (CDOs) congratulating them on this achievement and reiterating the committee's desire to work with the CDOs to advance their work.

Budget Committee, Bita Rivas

Bita reported that the Tuition Benefit policy was still under review and conversations were continuing with campus financial officers. The committee will continue to monitor enrollment data and update the Council as progress is made.

GLBTI Committee, Laura Borgelt

On behalf of the committee, Laura reported that the 3rd annual GLBTI symposium will be held on November 7, 2014.

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Discussion with President Benson

In his discussion, President Benson reported on the recruitment of diverse students, CU advocacy across the State, continuing and online education, the search for a chancellor for CU Denver and dean of the School of Medicine, succession planning across various system and campus departments, State funding for CU, ballot and house elections, CU advancement activities, the CU Real Estate Foundation and House Bill 1319. He also encouraged Faculty Council members to discuss their opinions and experience at CU.

Discussion with Regents Bosley and Gallegos

The discussion with the Regents focused on a new budget planning model (5 year model with 1-year budget and 4-year forecasting), building advocacy for CU, CU's success stories and ways to better connect with the public within the State.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on December 5, from 10:00 am at the Warwick Denver Hotel.