



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Regents

**FROM:** Vice President Kathleen Bollard  
Academic Affairs Professional Thomas Spahr

**DATE:** February 16, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report on Faculty Sabbatical Assignments

A total of 123 faculty members were on sabbatical assignment during the 2010-11 academic year, 20 for the full academic year, 6 for the calendar year, and 97 for either fall or spring semester. A breakdown of sabbatical assignments by campus and school or college is attached.

Each institution reported that the criteria and approval process for granting a sabbatical assignment were consistent with the Laws (5.B.3.C) and Policies (5-A) of the University of Colorado Board of Regents. Each sabbatical plan was reviewed and approved by the department chair, unit head, or advisory committee, the dean of the school or college, and the chief academic officer of the campus, who then forwarded the plans to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. With the concurrence of the president, the plans were submitted to and approved by the Regents.

At each step in the approval process, a campus and a system officer verified that the faculty member was eligible to receive a sabbatical assignment and that the plan he or she submitted met the criteria established by Regent Law and Policy and any additional criteria established by the individual campus.

### Eligible Faculty Members

All those granted sabbatical assignments were tenured faculty members with at least six years of full-time service, or, in the case of the Anschutz Medical Campus, tenure-eligible faculty members who had achieved the rank of associate professor or professor and had at least six years of full-time service. All faculty members who had previously received a sabbatical assignment had filed a report documenting the fulfillment of the approved goals of the previous sabbatical plan.

### Criteria

Each proposal for sabbatical assignment describes a work plan that specifies objectives that will: a) enhance the faculty member's professional growth and development of expertise; b) achieve the academic goals of the department; c) enhance the reputation of the University; and d) contribute to the educational experience of students. Additionally, departments or other units must verify the availability of resources to support the sabbatical assignment.

## Examples of research projects carried out in 2010-11

### At UCCS:

- Associate Professor Michele Companion of the Department of Sociology continued development of her work on establishing the links between traditional food, cultural survival, and cultural invigoration. This work resulted in the completion of two chapters of a book manuscript. She also was able to make contacts with Native nations to expand her research base, and the data she collected will be used to update one undergraduate course in Sociology and create a new graduate-level course.
- Associate Professor Joshua Dunn of the Department of Political Science reached his sabbatical goal of securing a book contract and making significant progress on the research for this book. Oxford University Press has offered him a contract for *Who Governs in God's City?: Power and Politics in Colorado Springs*.
- Professor Edie Greene of the Department of Psychology spent her sabbatical assignment as a Visiting Scholar in the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at City University of New York. She collaborated with colleagues in the forensic psychology program, submitted a number of research projects for publication, and presented at a conference on quantitative judgments in law at Cornell Law School.
- Professor Paul Harvey of the Department of History completed manuscripts for three books during his sabbatical assignment. *Through the Storm, Through the Night: A History of African American Christianity*, will be published by Rowman & Littlefield and *Columbia Guide to Religion in American History* will be published by Columbia University Press. He has a third book that is currently under peer review.
- Professor Zu Zhang of the Department of Mathematics visited Beijing Capital Normal University and Academia Sinica, Taiwan to work with colleagues in his research areas of random matrix and the conformal invariance in percolation model. This work resulted in a new proposal to the National Science Foundation.

### At CU Boulder:

- Professor Meredith Betterton of the Department of Physics split time between Harvard University and New York University, developing the physical theory of self-assembled, active biological materials with application to the mitotic spindle. During the sabbatical, Professor Betterton applied for and received a new NSF grant building on this work. Her team is currently preparing journal articles based on this sabbatical work and her research is being integrated into her Foundations of Quantitative Biology course.
- Professor Naomi Soderstrom of the Leeds School of Business visited the University of Melbourne to advance and internationalize her teaching and research. During her visit, she taught a 3<sup>rd</sup> year course on Enterprise Performance Management, co-authored a publication for *The Accounting Review* entitled "Earnings Management through Real Activities Manipulation: Evidence from Nonprofit Hospitals," and drafted a paper concerning the Clean Development Mechanism.
- Professor Robert McLeod of the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Energy Engineering initiated collaboration with three German research institutes: Heidelberg

Instruments, MicrResist, and The Fraunhofer-Institut fur Silicatforschung. He expanded his laboratory facilities and started projects on liquid deposition photolithography and the lithography of living systems. The work conducted during this sabbatical has already generated two submissions to Nature Photonics. In addition, Professor McLeod received the NSF CAREER Program award plus 5 other new grants during this period.

- Professor Mark Loewenstein of the School of Law completed a revision to his casebook, *Agency, Partnership and the LLC: The Law of Unincorporated Business Enterprises* (8<sup>th</sup> Ed), finished a chapter on governance in limited liability companies that will appear in *The Sage Handbook on Corporate Governance*, completed edits on two law review articles that were published in the fall, and began research for an article on the adverse interest exception in agency law.
- Associate Professor Alejandro Cremaschi of the College of Music conducted research and interviews in music conservatories and music schools in Guadalajara, Xalapa, Zacatecas, and Mexico City, examining the social and cultural meanings of studying and teaching classical piano in Mexican society. The data collected during this sabbatical has already resulted in his presentation of a paper at the Pan American Conference of the International Society for Music Education in Villahermosa, Mexico.

At CU Denver:

- Associate Professor Craig Volk in the Department of Theatre, Film and Video Production produced a feature-length screenplay (*The Public Enemy & His Wife*) adapted from *Verne Sankey: America's First Public Enemy #1*, a biography of a notorious kidnapper during the Great Depression. The screenplay is being considered by several entertainment industry representatives and has been submitted to numerous screenwriting contests. Dr. Volk also attended UCross, an acclaimed artist's colony, and completed two full-length stage scripts. Working with over 40 faculty members, students, and area professionals, he also completed the web series *AKA Shaman*.
- Professor Tom Clark in the Department of Planning and Design spent his sabbatical contrasting North and South American regulatory and fiscal practices, state economic development, energy policy development, and the ecology of aging in rural America. The results of these research projects were presented in conferences at Concordia University, the University of California Berkeley, and the Western Energy Policy Conference. Professor Clark has also developed a new course, Energy Policy and Planning.
- Professor Peter Schneider in the Department of Architecture researched "the effectiveness of introducing students to the theory and practice of research-based design through the use of reflective biographical narratives," with a goal to test the effectiveness of Peter Zumthor's "work of remembering" for teaching architecture. A report of the outcomes was presented at the University of Colorado President's Teaching and Learning Collaborative. In addition, Professor Schneider wrote an invited book chapter, prepared a journal article, and developed a plan on an edited book.
- Associate Professor Brian DeLevie in the Department of Visual Art participated in a three-month artist residency at Residencia Del Sur in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He led workshops for seven different educational and community groups and submitted a paper, which was accepted for presentation at the Second International Conference on the Image in San

Sebastian, Spain. Professor DeLevie also worked with sixth graders at the Denver Green School to develop an assessment for practice-based education while producing an experimental video on how artists embody emotion, reverence, and remembrance in their creations.

At AMC:

- Professor Jeffrey Wagener in the School of Medicine worked in the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Center of the Pediatric Pulmonary section at the Children's University Hospital in Dublin, Ireland. He studied guideline-driven health care and his research led to a reconsideration of the frequency with which ultrasounds are used to effectively detect chronic liver changes. By observing the European medical system, Dr. Wagener developed ideas for changes in both the pediatric pulmonary and general pediatric training at AMC.

**University of Colorado Sabbatical Assignment Summary:  
AY 2010-11**

<b>Campus</b>	<b>School/College</b>	<b>AY Sabbatical</b>	<b>Semester Sabbatical</b>	<b>CY Sabbatical</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>UCB</b>	Arts & Sciences	12	42	3	57
	Business	1	0	0	1
	Education	0	1	0	1
	Engineering	1	6	2	9
	Grad School/JMC	0	1	0	1
	Law	0	3	0	3
	Libraries	0	1	0	1
	Music	1	4	0	5
<b>UCB Campus Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>UCCS</b>	Business	0	1	0	1
	Education	0	0	0	0
	Engineering	0	0	0	0
	Letters, Arts, & Sciences	1	12	0	13
	Nursing	0	0	0	0
	Public Affairs	0	0	0	0
<b>UCCS Campus Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>UCD</b>	Architecture & Planning	0	4	0	4
	Arts & Media	0	4	0	4
	Auraria Library	0	0	0	0
	Business	2	5	0	7
	Education & Human Development	2	1	0	3
	Engineering & Applied Science	0	0	0	0
	Liberal Arts & Sciences	1	8	0	9
<b>UCD Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>AMC</b>	Dental Medicine	0	0	0	0
	Medicine*	0	4*	0	4
	Nursing	0	0	0	0
	Pharmacy	0	0	0	0
	Public Affairs	0	0	0	0
	Public Health	0	0	0	0
	<b>AMC Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CU System Total</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>123</b>

\* The School of Medicine, which operates on a 12-month calendar for faculty appointments, had one 4-month, one 5-month, and two 6-month sabbaticals.

cc: President, Campus Leadership