



Faculty Council Communications Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 12th, 2026
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Zoom Video Conference
MINUTES

Attending: Elizabeth Novosel (UCB), Hayley Blackburn (UCCS), Laura Eurich (UCCS), Katie Sparks (UCB), Michael Hanson (UCD)

Call to order – Introductions

- Our SharePoint Folder: [Faculty Council - Communications Documents - FC Communications Committee \(FC3\) - All Documents](#)

Committee Vacancies:

- 1 vacancy: CU Anschutz
- 1 vacancy, CU Denver

1. Opening and Attendance

- In-person meeting scheduled for April 16th meeting
- February meeting minutes approved.

1. AI Implementation Concerns

- Lack of shared governance in decision-making.
- Unclear data privacy/ownership terms.
- High cost (~\$2M first year) amid campus budget cuts.
- Concern about future financial burden on campuses.
- Action: Katie to request an official Faculty Council statement from Jorge for publication.

2. Campus and Budget Climate

- Budget crises, leadership turnover, and transparency concerns.
- Widespread faculty burnout.

3. Content & Communications Strategy

- Collect short updates from Faculty Assembly Chairs.
- Action: Laura to draft request (300 words; deadline April 1).
- Faculty Voices: Underutilized; promote as a space for short, uncensored faculty contributions (positive or concerns).
- Action: Include call for submissions in outreach email.
- Burnout Content: Interest in publishing brief, resource-focused content.
- Action: Laura to reach out to potential contributor (Chip Benite).

4. New Content Ideas

- Podcast roundup across campuses.
- Action: Hayley to compile and publish.
- Open access resources feature (future).
- Action: Katie to explore.
- Highlight campus initiatives (e.g., common reads, events).

5. Writing & Publications

- Michael assigned to write article (via Clerk materials). Target: Mid-April.
- Goal to shift from end-of-semester publishing to more regular content, with a structured plan for fall.

6. Faculty Council Engagement

- April 2: Katie attending
- April 23: Elizabeth attending

Note: Committee will share highlights and solicit content, not reproduce official minutes.

7. Unionization Discussion

- Campuses in early research phase; sharing information.
- No immediate communication needed.

Next Meeting: April 16th, 2026 @ 9 a.m. (Hybrid Meeting at CU System Office and via Zoom)