Faculty Assembly's
Educational Policy and Planning Committee (EPPC)
MINUTES
September 3, 2024 | 9:00 am
via Zoom: https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/97522609238

In attendance: Chair, Wendy Bolyard, School of Public Affairs; Vice Chair, Jeff Knight, CLAS; Jing Zhang, School of Business; Kodi Saylor, Library; Lori Elliott, School of Education & Human Development; Stephen Hartke, CLAS; Matthew Shea, College of Architecture and Planning; Margaret Woodhull, CLAS.

1. **Call to Order**
   Meeting was called to order at 9:01am.

2. **Approval of Minutes from April**
   Minutes approved. (Margaret called the motion to approve, Stephen seconded.)

3. **Priorities for AY 2024-2025**
   - Academic Transformation Working Groups. Stay informed about the progress.
   - Office of Graduate Education. Funding. Structure. Review document prepared by summer working group.
   - FCQ data mining.

4. **Technology-Enabled (Digital) Surveillance Practices**
   Canvas access / class monitoring, for example:
   "Your Program Director may (and likely will) be included on your Canvas class shell. The purpose of this is to provide the Program Director the opportunity to work with you throughout the semester in a variety of supportive ways. For example, students sometimes reach out saying they can't access a Canvas shell, or they can't see certain content (published vs. unpublished). We can quickly check and respond to the student's question and address follow-up with you if needed. We also realize that sometimes life happens to you (unexpected death in the family, an illness, child crises, etc.). Please reach out as soon as possible if you find yourself struggling to keep up with grading, course content, etc. By having access to your Canvas shell, we can quickly move to best support you and our students. If you do not want your program director to be included on your Canvas shell, please e-mail the program director and your request will be honored. Even with access, program directors will not view oral lectures, private messages between you and your students, or discussion threads."

Instructors who received this message expressed concerns about privacy. Other programs / departments are observing classes if there are concerns about effective teaching. One college works with adjuncts as a collaborative process for teaching, and never for surveillance. Canvas has different roles to protect student privacy. It is unclear what permission is needed to access

an instructor's Canvas course. Some college scheduling managers may provide access without an OIT request. An LMS administrator may have "god" access and can see all sandboxes in the department. One department representative noted the instructor is usually provided notice before an observation. Clarify who has access to Canvas courses and what permissions are required. Can courses be observed (in-person or on Canvas) unannounced?

5. **Other Business / Announcements**
   No other business noted.
   Next meeting is October 1 at 9am.

6. **Adjournment**
   Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.