

CU Denver Faculty Assembly -- Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2024

Zoom

Attendees: Sasha Breger Bush, Vivian Shyu, Dennis DeBay, Colleen Donnelly, Joanne Addison, Florian Pfender, Anthony Villano, Bailey Wallace, Bud Talbot, Joan Bihun, Cristina Gillanders, Manish Shirgaokar, Marta Maron, Matt Shea, Maryam Darbeheshti, Tom Beck, Sarah Fields, Wendy Bolyard, Eric Baker, Erin Hackel, Ester de Jong, Fernando Mancilla-David, Jeffrey Schrader, Rachel Stein, Ilkyeun Ra, Rashmi Gangamma, Howard Cook, Sarah Hagelin, Thorsten Spehn, Jamie Hodgkins, Larry Erbert, Karen Sobel, Kelly See, Shuyang Peng, David Liban, Jose Ibarra, AVC Turan Kayaoglu, Dan Maxey

Closed Session

Provost's Update (Standing in AVC Turan Kayaoglu):

- Turan reminded full assembly to participate in the faculty survey, emphasizing its anonymity. Mentioned that 125 faculty members had already participated.
- Sabbaticals: In this sabbatical application cycle, we have received 27 applications from six colleges (CLAS: 15, CAM: 6, SEHD: 3, and SPA, CAP, and BUS: 1 each). Auraria Library and CEDC did not submit any applications. Seven applicants applied for two semesters, and 20 applied for one, with a fairly equal distribution between Fall (8) and Spring (11) semesters.

Chair's Update (Sasha Breger Bush):

- Approve minutes (February 6, 2024)
- Motion was made to Approve, motion was seconded; Poll posted
 - Results for February 6 Minutes: approved by a majority
- Emphasized the importance of filling out the faculty survey
- Highlighted Mental Health First Aid Training being offered in person on March 29th, April 8th, and May 3rd.
- Noted the upcoming Provost Working Group Feedback Session where faculty co-chairs from all WGs would be present to discuss ideas, ask questions, and collaborate.
- Updates on AHEC Master Plan: AHEC agreed to postpone their vote to allow for greater community feedback. This topic will be included in the April FA meeting agenda.
- FCQ and Equity Letters: Concerns raised about potential violation of faculty rights in this process. Provost's office has approved funding for a summer FCQ WG, however, it should be noted that the Provost's office does not have jurisdiction or authority over the Office of Equity. This topic will be included in the April FA meeting agenda.
- Policy Updates:
 - Newly drafted FA Elections Process Policy: Motion was made to Approve, motion was seconded; Poll posted. Results for Elections Process Policy: approved by a majority.
 - CAP 1019: Motion was made to Approve, motion was seconded; Poll posted. Results for CAP 1019: approved by a majority.

- CAP 1027: Motion was made to Approve, motion was seconded; Poll posted. Results for CAP 1027: approved by a majority. However, questions were raised about implementation and template revisions, along with allowing up to 5-year contracts for IRC faculty. This will ultimately be dependent on the Deans at each school/college.

Secretary's Update (Dennis DeBay):

- Nominations for FA awards are now open. This is open to individual or group nominations. This is being disseminated with the entire faculty full assembly, however, final decisions will be made with EXCOM at the end of the month. Please send nominations to Dennis DeBay before the end of the month.
- Announcement of FA officer elections for Vice Chair and Secretary positions. These are two year service positions. Implementing the newly approved FA Elections Process Policy. You can nominate yourself or others. Elections will be held during the May FA meeting. This announcement is being presented two months ahead of time to allow time for nominees to put together their package (CV up to 3 pages, 250 word candidate statement or short video presenting their statement/vision for the position). Please send these nominations to Dennis via the Qualtrics link provided in the Elections email. A detailed process for nominations and elections has been outlined within the email, as well.

End Meeting