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Faculty Assembly Report April 2021

David J. Weiss, Faculty Assembly President

- Faculty Council Executive Committee (comprised of faculty assembly chairs from all CU campuses) decided to reprimand the CU President this month for “his failure of leadership in regard to shared governance as outlined in CU Regent Law and Policy” related to relating to strategic planning, DEI, and online education. This group, (Maja Krakowiak is Vice Chair of that group) wanted to support the Boulder faculty after they are planning a motion of Censure against President Kennedy for a number of matters, as well as point out how frustrated they are around these matters. I believe we’re much better off at UCCS than the other campuses, and we have very responsive leadership to faculty governance in Chancellor Reddy and Provost Christensen.
- Student Government reports that many students are concerned that they might not want to attend courses in-person in the fall if not everyone on campus is vaccinated. They also worry that faculty will not allow them to attend remotely because they are sick or not comfortable attending in-person. Almost all lecture rooms on campus will have cameras and technology to allow students to attend remotely, so please consider this as you work on your courses for the fall.
- The Faculty Assembly Women’s committee has organized a committee with representation from faculty assembly women’s committee, minority affairs committee, PRIDE, IRC faculty, as well as faculty from all colleges to review the recommendations from their report and suggest specific items that all colleges can implement immediately. These may include letters to external reviewers for tenure regarding COVID’s impact on our campus. The faculty representative assembly (FRA) will vote this month on their support for their report on the impact of COVID on woman and minoritized faculty.

- Faculty assembly elections were recently held, and a report was sent on faculty-L regarding who was elected. David Moon will be the President for 2022, and Minette Church the Vice President. Congratulations!
- Dr. Maja Krakowiak is being awarded the Faculty Assembly Service Award for her service to the campus as faculty assembly President, Vice Chair of the Faculty Council this year, and as her work on the system online initiative. Well-done Maja!
- I represented Faculty Assembly on the Provost search committee and we recently interviewed three excellent candidates for this position. I hope you attended one of the zoom sessions and provided input on the candidates. I'm sure a decision will be reached soon on who to offer the position to.
- Faculty Council was recently updated on the Online Initiative, and we met with the leader of the Office of Digital Education (ODE), as well as the Vice President of Academic Affairs to discuss the Service Agreements for the campuses. Each campus has signed a service agreement with the ODE to develop courses for this program which starts in the fall. The RN to BSN is the first fully online program for the fall. In May we plan to have Dean Markel, Dave Anderson, Aaron Burton, and the ODE discuss the online initiative and update the Faculty Rep. Assembly (FRA) on it.
- At the upcoming meeting we will be voting on several items that will be emailed to you soon which are: 1) A revision of the Personnel and Benefits committee bylaws, 2) to support the report on the Impact of COVID on women and minoritized faculty, which is currently supported by the minority affairs committee, PRIDE, and the IRC committee. 3) the Grade Forgiveness Policy submitted by EPUS. These will all be emailed to you before the meeting for review and input. Please send me your thoughts on these before our meeting if you like.
- We have invited Regent Spiegel to our upcoming meeting to meet our faculty are looking forward to her attendance.
- There is talk of developing an "After Action Report on COVID" and our campus, and the faculty assembly executive committee plans to contribute to that effort.