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Faculty Assembly Presidents Report

Friday September 4, 2020

Our Executive Committee:

President: David J. Weiss
Vice President: David Moon
Past President- Mary Coussons-Read
Secretary: Minette Church
EPUS: Norah Mazel (Fall), Andrea Hutchins (Spring)
Personnel and Benefits: Henriikka Weir (fall), Joe Craig (spring)/ Lynn Gates will co-chair both semesters
Budget: David Moon

Our Meeting is this coming Friday 12-2 pm on Teams. ! All faculty are welcome, so let me know if you want to be added to the team.

What are we working on?

- **Faculty Survey coming week 5 to discuss-** How is COVID impacting faculty? (Research, technology needed, How is their teaching going? Understand instructional modes? Teaching from campus/ off campus? What are their issues that we can help with? Interaction with students and what their comfort level remotely and in-person? Issues with COVID and students on-and off? campus? Etc. **Let me know if there are specific questions we should ask.** We want the data to be actionable for the campus to work on.
- **Instructional modes**revised for clarification- should be sent out next week-
- **Dead week- Do we still have it?** There is a policy that students see, but no campus policy to back that up. Some students complain about having exams the week before finals, but many faculty don't think this exists. Faculty Assembly will discuss.
- **Listening session**coming up **next Wed. 3:30 pm-5pm.** Look for the invite to come out today.
- **Virtual town Hall-** Monday, September 14, 2020 2:00 P.M. to 3:15 P.M. I'll be speaking at that to discuss our upcoming priorities.

- **Online initiative** on hold for a few weeks while working on funding models. In the fall it will be RN-BSN, BA in Communication, and the MBA/ BSBA (College of Business). Faculty Council is talking about how to make this work going forward, and supporting out UCCS programs.
- On Academic Affairs Recovery Group committee and working with campus health team
- **New Provost search** started- give us feedback on:
 - Fit, opportunity, challenges, and what candidates should know about the campus
 - Top Priorities of the new provost
 - Qualities and priorities

Priorities for this year:

- Faculty should know that we are active, engaged and we're listening
- We wrote a clearer description of the Instruction modes for spring which will be coming out next week.
- Help faculty prepare for the spring- we are their representatives
- Provide input through committees on campus academic activities
- Help in search for new Provost
- Snow days- Suggestion is to let the faculty decide if their course is cancelled if it's not held in-person, but all "campus based courses" cancelled is what the campus will likely say.
- Dead week- do we still use it? What is it? Should it be clearer? At Boulder they have a policy, at Denver and UCCS it seems to be disregarded
- Annual evaluation and furlough- Faculty did huge work over the summer without pay to retool courses and research- should we take that into account for annual eval?
- Non-tenure track faculty- There are new faculty titles from Provost for instructional faculty (Principal instructor is the new title above senior instructor). We may recommend changing the name of the non-tenure track committee to a name that aligns with their new Instructional Track Faculty type name.