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Dear Colleagues,

Our final Faculty Representative Assembly meeting for this academic year is on Friday, May 10, 2019 in UC303. The agenda has been sent out by email. Please review it, and if you have questions or concerns that you want brought forward, contact your College representatives and let them know.

Here is an update on what is happening at the campus and system levels.

CU Presidential Finalist – As we all know, the Board of Regents has named Mr. Mark Kennedy as in-coming CU President after a lengthy search process. Admittedly, there was controversy regarding Mr. Kennedy's appointment and many UCCS faculty did not believe he was the best choice to replace President Benson. However, now that the Board of Regents has officially made its decision, we anticipate building a collaborative relationship with Mr. Kennedy. Our goal is and always will be to ensure that UCCS and the CU system continue to prosper. During Mr. Kennedy's campus presentation here at UCCS, he acknowledged that his primary role as CU President would be to ensure the financial health of the university by building relationships with donors. I, for one, applaud his recognition of this key role and hope that he will be highly successful.

FCQ Task Force – Last November, the Faculty Assembly created an FCQ task force that was given a charge to “recommend best practices for use of FCQ data in faculty reviews (both merit evaluations and retention & promotion reviews).” David Weiss presented the task force recommendations to the Faculty Assembly at the April meeting. The Faculty Representatives will vote on approval of those recommendations at this month's meeting.

Faculty Council Vice-Chair – Please congratulate Maja Krakowiak, who was re-elected as the Faculty Council Vice-Chair for 2019-2010.

Faculty Assembly and CU System Committee Membership – Mary Coussons-Read is coordinating appointments to vacant positions on UCCS and CU committees. She will be disseminating a list of current vacancies either later this semester or early in the summer semester. Please consider volunteering. Shared governance cannot be sustained without faculty involvement at all levels.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Melissa Benton

2018-2019 Faculty Assembly President