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Faculty Assembly President's Report

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you enjoying a productive and relatively calm Fall Semester! Our next FRA meeting is this Friday **OCTOBER, 11 2019, at noon in UC 303. THIS WILL ALSO BE THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING FOR THE YEAR, meaning that all voting UCCS faculty (those holding at least a 50% faculty appointment of some kind) are welcome.** All FRA college representatives are required to attend these meetings.

Here is an update on happenings at the campus and system levels as well as a follow-up to last month's FRA meeting.

FA/Provost Co-Sponsored Open Forums on RPT Criteria/Process Revisions- By this month's FRA meeting Provost Christensen and I will hopefully have scheduled (and be able to share dates of) three open forums for faculty regarding upcoming required revisions to all RPT documents on the campus. These revisions are coming in response to ongoing updates to Regent Law as well as related policies at the System and Campus levels. All law and policy updates are being conducted in collaboration with campus leadership and faculty governance bodies. Please stay tuned for dates and locations for these open forum meetings.

Online Initiatives: You are likely aware that the UCCS campus is working to develop and deploy new online programs and focusing on improving the scalability and availability of online coursework while maintaining quality and controlling costs. The CU system continues to be engaged in similar conversations, and there is currently an effort to engage an external consultant for the CU system to develop more comprehensive plans for online education at CU. Faculty are involved in this effort and more opportunities to engage with this and our campus processes are on the horizon. Professor Roger Martinez will join us on Friday for an update and discussion of these important efforts.

Update on Campus Emergency Phone System Changes- In our September meeting, Chief Mark Pino shared with us that the campus is considering removing the emergency phones that are in boxes around campus. This would be a gradual process and is being considered in response to the fact that they are essentially never used (folks use cell phones to call in) and are expensive to maintain. This is an ongoing discussion, and Chief Pino indicated that UCCS would replace physical phones with an app from [Rave Mobile Safety](#), which has been adopted by numerous higher ed institutions. A question of personal location tracking with such an app was raised, and after checking with the company, Chief Pino was able to confirm that the app only tracks a user's location when the user is actively engaged with the app. Rave also provided

reassurance of their commitment to privacy and security regarding all user data. If you have further questions or concerns about this possible change, please contact Chief Pino directly or let me know and I can ask Chief Pino to follow up with the group at a future meeting if warranted.

REMINDER: Faculty Mentoring Resource– UCCS joined [The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity](#) as an institutional member at the recommendation of the Faculty Assembly Minority Affairs Committee and Women’s Committee. The NCFDD is an independent organization that provides online career development and mentoring resources for faculty, instructors, lecturers, post-docs and graduate students. To access the resources, go to [facultydiversity.org/join](#). Select “University of Colorado Colorado Springs” and then click “Active My Membership” to register. Use the @uccs.edu email address for registration. For technical assistance: membership@facultydiversity.org.

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

Respectfully,

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