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### **Vice President's Report, November 13, 2020**

"These are the times that try..." our souls, it seems. Last week, as the pandemic grew worse, we faced an election that wouldn't end and the death of a dear friend to seemingly everyone she knew. Impossibly, my workload seemed to increase another notch or two. Maybe yours did, too. This week, our last hopes that COVID wouldn't continue to grow worse faded and we faced down a potentially disastrous regent vote. Maybe you've been at this place for a while now. I hear it in voices on Teams, between the lines in e-mails and out loud when anyone talks about how they are doing.

Today, in the Representative Faculty Assembly meeting, we heard a report about the FA Women's Committee creating a resource page, including mental health resources, as part of the committee's webpage. We learned that a faculty-appointed faculty-led committee is busy working to make sure that the CU System's online initiative benefits UCCS and our faculty. We heard about David Weiss addressing the regents to tell them how incredible it seemed to us that they were contemplating giving tuition rebates because some believed that the education you have worked so very hard to provide is inferior and the campuses can somehow absorb those refunds without affecting that education for the worse (the motion failed 3-6). We passed three resolutions intended to support faculty in various ways after hearing your representatives report the concerns you wanted reflected in those measures, concerns they were bringing forward based on conversations with you. ; We heard from the chancellor, provost and the VCAF's representative real, meaningful and transparent discussions of the issues we wanted most to hear about, confirming what the Faculty Advisory Budget Committee had learned earlier in the week (that report is attached).

I don't know if any of this makes your load any easier to bear. I don't know if we can really figure out the best ways to even try to do that. I can attest from this front row seat that the representative assembly is trying very hard to help.

Thank you for keeping UCCS a caring and passionate place that has tremendous impact on the lives of our students. Stay safe and stay well.