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Dear Colleagues,

Our next Faculty Representative Assembly meeting is on Friday, March 8, 2019 at Kettle Creek. The agenda will be 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.

Faculty Elections – As a reminder, Faculty Assembly elections will be held this month for the 2019-2020 academic year. Mary Coussons-Read has already sent out the call for nominations. Please consider self-nominating for one of the many positions available. Your service in campus and system organizations ensures that faculty shared governance is maintained at all levels.

Proposed Amendments to the Faculty Assembly Constitution – Two amendments to the Faculty Assembly Constitution were approved by the Faculty Assembly Representatives at the last meeting. The proposed changes will be presented to all faculty for approval during the faculty elections this month.

The first amendment will change the description of membership in the Faculty Assembly to be more consistent with the CU system wording.

- Current description of Faculty Assembly membership: Regular members shall include: All persons holding the rank of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, senior instructor, or instructor with at least a 0.5 instructional or administrative appointment.
- Proposed description: **Regular members shall include: All persons who have a faculty appointment of 0.5 FTE or greater.**

The second amendment will change the titles of the Faculty Assembly Officers to be consistent with the titles used by the Denver, Anschutz, and Boulder Faculty Assemblies and by the CU Faculty Council.

- Current Faculty Assembly titles: ‘President,’ ‘Vice-President/President-Elect,’ and ‘Past President’
- Proposed titles: **‘Chair,’ ‘Vice-Chair,’ and ‘Past Chair’**

This is a big ask, but I’m asking for your help with these amendments. They will require approval of two-thirds of the full faculty, so each vote will be critical. Currently, we believe that approximately one third of our faculty do not receive emails through the faculty-l email list

because they choose not to do so. That is their right, but it prevents them from receiving notification of the upcoming vote, so they may not realize how important it is for them to participate. Please take every opportunity to spread the word about our elections and the need to obtain two-thirds approval for the Constitutional Amendments.

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

Respectfully,

Melissa Benton

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