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Dear Faculty,

Welcome back! Here are some updates on relevant happenings and discussions that are going on at the campus and system level.

- **Chancellor's retirement.** Please join me in thanking Chancellor Pam Shockley-Zalabak for her dedication and the amazing work she has done as UCCS Chancellor for 15 years. I wish her well, wherever her future might take her. I am sure she will be deeply missed at UCCS!  
I also would like to wish good luck to Dean Venkat Reddy, who will serve as Interim Chancellor starting Feb 15, while the search for the new Chancellor is being conducted.
- **New Chancellor's search committee.** Leonard Dinegar, senior vice president and chief of staff, Office of the President, will chair the new Chancellor's search committee. The following four faculty members have been selected to be part of the committee:

**Jugal Kalita**, professor, College of Engineering and Applied Science  
**Minette Church**, associate professor, Anthropology Department, LAS  
**Jeff Scholes**, assistant professor, Philosophy Department, LAS  
**Robert Camley**, distinguished professor, Department, LAS

VP Dinegar will be on campus on Wed, Feb 15, to solicit input from the campus community about the search process. The meeting dedicated to faculty is scheduled from 2:45pm to 3:30pm in UC 302. I would like to strongly encourage all of you to participate.

- **Inter-campus tuition benefits.** As you know, the University of Colorado convened an Intercampus Dependent Tuition Benefit Task Force in September 2016, which included representatives from each campus and the system office, and was led by Susan Szyrka. The task force recently made a recommendation for a pilot program, which was accepted by President Bruce Benson and the campus chancellors. Beginning with **Fall Semester 2017**, the University will run a three-year Intercampus Dependent Tuition Benefit Pilot Program. The program applies to dependents only. The employee-only tuition benefit remains intact at 9 credit hours per year for eligible employees, it can be used at any campus, and is on a space-available basis. The dependent pilot is built to assess usage and will create a baseline for future decisions on course eligibility, cost of benefits and program value. The full design of the pilot will be published on the [Employee Services Tuition Benefit webpage](#).

- **Regent Law and Policy 4.** The latest revision (draft 2) of Regent Law and Policy 4 has been recently posted on the laws and policies website: <http://www.cu.edu/regents/rlpreview>. I would like to gather as much faculty feedback as possible on this version. The plan calls for a final draft to be prepared from feedback on this version, with a 6 week turnaround for comments.
- **New seating arrangement at Commencement.** We are seeking feedback on the new seating arrangement that was set in place at the December Commencement Ceremony. For those of you who were not present, the faculty and all the administrators who did not have a speaking role in the ceremony were seated on two lateral wings, one on each side of the stage, facing the students. We would like to hear from you! Please send your comments and suggestions directly to Monique French ([mfrench3@uccs.edu](mailto:mfrench3@uccs.edu)).
- **Phase retirement program.** Deans' Council is currently discussing guidelines on retirement incentives and on the phase retirement program to promote more consistent procedures across the difference colleges. I will keep you posted with updates.
- **Guidelines for Externally-Funded Changes to Faculty Work Assignments.** EPUS will be reviewing these guidelines, which were endorsed by Faculty Assembly on Dec 10, 2004, with a provision to revising them prior to May 31, 2008.
- **Clyde's Cupboard.** The Dean of Students Office is looking to create an Advisory Board for Clyde's Cupboard. Ideally the board will be comprised of representatives from our three campus governance groups, as well as other campus members who play a key role in the cupboard operations. Board members will provide minor operational support for Clyde's Cupboard and brainstorm ideas for continual improvement. The primary goal is to increase communication and collaboration among key constituents who support the student food pantry. To start, the board would meet five times per year (twice fall/spring and once in the summer). Members would be expected to attend meetings and may be asked to volunteer for the occasional project, such as collecting food at a faculty or campus event. Many faculty regularly support Clyde's Cupboard through direct donations, class projects, or individual referrals, but it seems it would be good to have a formal connection with Faculty Assembly on this project, for instance via a faculty representative formally appointed through Faculty Assembly to serve on the Board. Amanda Allee, Assistant Dean of Students, will be coming to our FA meeting to talk about this.
- **LAS college representatives.** As you might remember, Ann Amicucci stepped down as LAS college representative at the end of the Fall semester. Greg Oman, from the Math Department, has agreed to replace her until the end of the term (June 30, 2017).
- **Privilege & Tenure Committee.** Faculty Assembly will discuss and vote on the appointment of Mary Coussons-Read to replace Tom Christensen in the system-wide Privilege & Tenure committee.
- **Faculty Assembly Elections.** Please consider running for a faculty governance position! We will be electing: (i) representatives from each college; (ii) secretary; (iii)

president; (iv) vice president/president elect; and (v) a faculty council representative. The official call for nominations was sent out on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and nominations (including self-nominations) will be accepted until Monday, March 6th by 5pm. Please submit your nominations/self-nominations directly to Maja Krakowiak ([mkrakowi@uccs.edu](mailto:mkrakowi@uccs.edu)), making sure to verify with your nominee that he/she is willing to run for election. Elections are scheduled for March 20th-24th, 2017. **Please get involved, and consider serving in these important roles!**

I wish you all a great semester!

Barbara Prinari  
Faculty Representative Assembly President, 2016-2017