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Dear Faculty,

Please find below my monthly report, with some updates on relevant happenings and discussions that are going on at the campus and system level.

- **Faculty Assembly service award.** Please join us in congratulating Andrea Hutchins (Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences) who has been selected as the recipient of the 2017 Faculty Assembly Service Award. Andrea's service for this campus has been and continues to be exemplary, and I am especially thankful for her willingness to serve as chair of the EPUS committee when Mark Malone had to step down.
- **Faculty Assembly Elections.** The second call for nominations for the upcoming elections went out on February 15th and nominations closed on March 6th. A huge thank you to all of you who nominated candidates, including yourselves! Your service is much appreciated, and it does make a difference. Robyn Marschke will verify the eligibility of the candidates and her office will create the ballot using Qualtrics. The election will be conducted the week before spring break, **March 20th-24th. Please** watch your email and **vote!** Representatives, please remind faculty in your college about the election and encourage them to vote.
- **Committee for Misconduct in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities (CMRSCA).** Jackie Berning will bring forth the by-laws of CMRSCA for review and approval. We will also start a discussion on the updated *Guidelines and Procedures for Research Misconduct Allegations*, which have been revised to take into account comments and feedback provided by the faculty.
- **Unauthorized filming and distribution of class material.** We will start a discussion of whether or not faculty would be interested in a policy (either an addition to the Academic Ethics Code/Policy or a new policy) related to unauthorized recording and posting of class materials (including recording faculty members during a class and then posting that recording on social media).
- **Electronic dossiers for Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion (RPT).** Deans' Council is currently discussing moving to electronic dossiers for all RPT applications and evaluations, and investigating the workflow changes and customization necessary in order for Digital Measure to be used for this purpose. I will keep you posted with updates as the discussion proceeds.

- **Guidelines for Externally-Funded Changes to Faculty Work Assignments.** The EPUS chair will report on their recent review of these guidelines, which were endorsed by Faculty Assembly on Dec 10, 2004, with a provision to revising them prior to May 31, 2008.
- **Communication with IT Department and faculty input on major IT changes.** I have initiated a fruitful conversation with Harper Johnson, Assistant vice-chancellor for IT and CIO, in order to ensure better communication between the IT department and Faculty Assembly on major IT changes, as well as faculty involvement in IT decisions and changes that affect the faculty, directly or indirectly. At Deans' Council level we then considered the idea of possibly instituting a University IT Committee, with representation from faculty, staff and students, which could serve this purpose. Harper will come to our FA April meeting as a visitor to introduce himself, and he or somebody from his office will be invited at least once per semester to FA meetings to provide updates and collect input and feedback from the faculty on IT related issues.
- **Faculty with disabilities.** Heather Albanesi will attend our March 10 FA meeting as a visitor in order to introduce the idea we are exploring of creating a faculty disability committee. UC Denver has an active Faculty Assembly Disabilities Committee (DisC); at the CU system level Faculty Council has an inactive Disability committee. The UCCS Faculty Disability committee (DisC) would consider concerns of faculty with disabilities, including: Assessing the cultural climate for faculty/staff with disabilities; Provide resources for faculty/staff with disabilities; Work with HR to address issues experienced by faculty with disabilities; Be a safe space for faculty with disabilities to disclose issues with accommodation/discrimination/hostile climate; Making recommendations for creating an academic environment that fosters the academic success of faculty with disabilities; Working to assure fairness in the recruitment and retention of faculty with disabilities! ; Developing support networks and recommending policy to address the needs of faculty with disabilities.

Again, please make sure you watch your email and cast your electronic vote for the upcoming elections March, 20th-24th.

Sincerely,

Barbara Prinari
Faculty Representative Assembly President, 2016-2017