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Dear Faculty,

A lot has been happening already this semester!

- **Update on EPUS committee.** As you know, Mark Malone recently stepped down as chair of the EPUS committee (Mark will continue to serve as a committee member). I'd like to take the opportunity to thank him for his most valuable service chairing EPUS for many years! Andrea Hutchins has been elected as the new EPUS chair for AY 2016-2017. Please join me in welcoming Andrea and thanking her for generously agreeing to take on this task.
- **UCCS climate survey.** Faculty Assembly leadership has been asked to provide input about areas of concern or issues that the faculty would like to be addressed in a UCCS climate survey the Chancellor is planning for Spring 2017. An anonymous survey was sent out last month aiming at collecting input from the faculty, and I would like to personally thank all the colleagues who took the survey. We have also received very valuable comments from the LAS representatives, who have collected ideas for topics that the faculty would like the work climate survey to cover, as well as some suggestions for the structure of the survey. All the responses to the survey, as well as the compiled list of ideas from the college reps, have been collected and presented to the Chancellor.
- **Size and composition of Faculty Representative Assembly.** We will continue the discussion on updating the number of college representatives to match the 5-10% of the faculty required by FA bylaws, as well as on splitting the representatives of the college of LAS into three areas (*Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences*) in order to ensure an equitable representation of the various areas. The proposal discussed at the last FRA meeting would increase the number of representatives from 17 (current, about 3.5% of the faculty) to 28, which would take us to about 6%. Alternative options would be: (i) a larger increase in the number of college reps, in anticipation of future growth, so that we won't have to revise the numbers again in just a few years; (ii) a change in the bylaws to lower the 5-10% representation. Each of these options has obvious (and maybe less obvious) pros and cons which will be discussed at our upcoming F! RA meeting.
- **HLC accreditation visit.** On Nov 13-14 the Higher Learning Committee (HLC) will make a once in ten-year visit to the campus to consider our ongoing accreditation. Preparation for this important visit is underway. The HLC assurance argument has been submitted last week (a week ahead of time), and the federal compliance report will be

completed this week. All the information, including the HLC team visit agenda for will be available online on the Chancellor's website soon. Faculty involvement in this process is very important, and faculty members are encouraged to participate in the mock interviews scheduled for Fri, Oct 21 (2pm-3pm) and Tue, Oct 25 (3:30pm-4:30pm) in UC 302.

- **UCCS Policies review.** A large number of UCCS policies will be under review in FY 2016-2017. EPUS committee members will be involved in the process as part of the policy review team. Information regarding the complete process can be found on the VCAF Policy website (<http://www.uccs.edu/vcaf/policies/uccs/resources.html>).
- **Update on the Research Misconduct policy.** The revision of the policy to address the concerns raised and the suggestions brought forward by the faculty is still ongoing. The committee on Misconduct in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities ("CMRSCA") is currently working electing a chair, and on drafting the committee bylaws, which will be submitted to Faculty Assembly for discussion and approval. The bylaws will constitute a separate document (which is required anyway for any FA standing committee, and is currently missing), and the Research Misconduct policy will no longer need to include the parts that pertain to the composition of the committee and committee bylaws, and will only address research misconduct allegations and investigations.
- **EMAC and LGBTQ symposium.** The EMAC and LGBTQ committees symposium will be held on November 11, 2016 at the Boulder campus. Please consider attending and/or submitting a proposal (proposals are being accepted until October 14).
- **Conversations at Clyde's.** The next appointment is scheduled for October 13th from 3-5pm, and it will be hosted by Maja Krakowiak, Steve Carter and Matt Metzger. Please announce it in your colleges and come out and visit. It's an opportunity for an informal gathering to meet faculty from across campus.

I hope to see you and your colleagues at Conversations at Clyde's on October 13th!

Sincerely,

Barbara Prinari
Faculty Representative Assembly President, 2016-2017