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Message from:

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Dear Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you enjoying a productive semester and looking forward to the coming warmer, sunnier days of Spring (although they will certainly be preceded by more snow!). Our next Faculty Representative Assembly (FRA) meeting occurs this Friday, February 14, from Noon-2pm in UC 303. PLEASE NOTE: Next month's meeting will be held in Kettle Creek and we will be joined by President Mark Kennedy, so please make a note of the changed location; our April meeting returns to the UC. There is a lot going on at this month's meeting! Highlights include:

- Discussion with UCCS campus leadership on budget, the development of the new budget model and faculty involvement in that process, and enrollment.
- Updates on the work of the UCCS FA Working Group on multiple means of evaluating teaching as well as on the status of policies related to faculty evaluation at the system, campus, and unit levels.
- Discussion with the CU System online consultants (Ernst and Young) regarding UCCS online programming, priorities, and the role of the faculty in academic planning, execution, and assessment.
- Updates from members of the CU System Healthcare Strategic Planning Group
- Discussion of campus and system-level academic policies including consideration of grade forgiveness guidelines and policy for UCCS

In addition, and importantly, we will be discussing upcoming ELECTIONS for positions on the FRA and selected positions on system Faculty Council and its committees starting next year (some for one-year terms, some for 3-year terms). Please look for a message from FRA President-Elect David Weiss regarding opportunities to serve as well as perhaps contacts from me or other FRA members/officers regarding roles on FRA and our committees. It is an exciting time to be part of shared governance, so if you have any interest in serving, please do not hesitate to contact me, David, or your own FRA reps to get more information! Details about nomination deadlines and dates for the elections will be forthcoming.

Finally, thanks to all of you who have participated and are continuing to participate in working groups involved in strategic planning and implementation on the campus and/or at the system level. It is essential for faculty involvement to be front and center in these efforts and I know how busy everyone is- thank you for investing your time and energy. Strategic planning at the system level involves broad faculty representation from all campuses, and I am encouraged that not only will that process result in some positive outcomes for faculty regarding, for example, collaboration and innovation in scholarship and teaching (with associated resources and incentives), but also that those efforts will truly not conflict with the planning already underway on our campus- more to come on that.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and please contact me directly at mcousson@uccs.edu with any questions or concerns you have, or if you have questions/interest regarding the upcoming elections. And...THANK YOU for all the work you do for the University, our community, and especially our students!

Sincerely,

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