

Faculty Assembly President's Report April 2014

The Bookstore would like to express the importance of submitting your textbook orders as soon as possible in order to help with costs of returning and buying books.

The UCCS Marshal's Club is officially in place with inaugural members: Chris Bell, Lauren Brengarth, Robert Von Dassanowsky, Jenenne Nelson, and Tom Napierkowski. The Marshals will be assisting with Commencement and other campus celebrations. Please congratulate these folks and thank them for their willingness to participate in such a meaningful fashion!

The new configuration of the Academic Planning Council has begun. At the first meeting of the group, the name was changed to the Council on Undergraduate Education. This group will be responsible for oversight of new UG program proposals, UG assessment, the Compass Curriculum, etc.

An online task force has been convened and are split into smaller workgroups to look at a variety of components of online education at UCCS. Venkat Reddy is leading the task force.

The Faculty Assembly Bylaws are undergoing revision. Discussions will take place this month and we anticipate a vote in May. Please review the documents sent out with the April agenda.

Faculty Council News:

Several APS documents are up for review, including one on differentiated workloads, and RPT/post tenure review. Both of these APS's seem to be getting fast tracked, so our campus committees also have them under review already.

The vote on the uniform grading policy should be hitting your email soon. Please keep your eye and and participate!

The Faculty Council bylaws are up for revision. Please see the proposed revisions on the Faculty Council website <http://www.cu.edu/faculty-council> and provide any feedback you have to our UCCS representatives before the vote on the 24th.

Hot items of discussion were the Climate Survey and the concern over the ability to identify individuals, and the discussion of the conservative program faculty member (see CU Connections for more information).

Other items to note from the Department of Higher Ed:

The CCHE has launched their Degree Within Reach Program. More information is available at <http://DegreeWithinReach.org>

Please consider registering for this webinar on "15 to Finish," a campaign designed to increase the number of students taking 15 credits per semester or 30 credits per year and

improve on-time completion rates

(<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7023863154365899009>)

Respectfully submitted,

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