

## **FA President's Report March 2014**

The Executive Committee has vetted information regarding the Latin Honors at UCCS, and is supporting a motion to make the award of the Latin Honors consistent across campus.

Requests to look at the academic calendar have been received and initial steps have been taken to gather information on the process of setting the academic calendar.

Additional concerns have been heard about Faculty Salaries, and these concerns have been directed to the Personnel & Benefits Committee.

Regent Meeting with Regent Griego: Several members of the Faculty Representative Assembly met with Regent Griego on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Regent Griego mostly wanted to hear from us about how things were going on our campus. While in general the overwhelming response was favorable, concern over looming burnout if additional investments are not made and concern over faculty salary was noted. Additionally, faculty expressed their thoughts regarding the prioritization process which were well received by Griego.

We will begin the process of filling faculty council committee vacancies to begin Fall 2014 within the next month. If you have interest in sitting on a faculty council committee, please contact either Mandi Elder or Michele Companion.

### **Faculty Council Update:**

The vote on the APS on Uniform Grading Policy will be coming to vote soon.

The Faculty Council contested a planned move by the Regent's Laws and Policy Committee to remove faculty representation from Vice President searches. The Regents graciously accepted our request to leave faculty representation on these searches.

The bylaws of the Faculty Council are currently under review and will include a name change of Personnel Committee to Personnel & Benefits for more clarity. This group will be intentionally addressing issues that were formally discussed by UBAB.

The Regents have asked for a proposal of dependent tuition benefits from the Faculty Council. There is currently a study underway examining the U of Kentucky tuition benefit model to gather ideas for better ways to implement dependent tuition within the CU system.