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Faculty Assembly President's Report

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 academic year and to the FRA representatives and committee members, THANK YOU for your service to the UCCS Faculty Representative Assembly (FRA)! Our first FRA meeting is this Friday **September 13, 2019, at 12:00pm in UC 303**. FRA meetings generally occur on the second Friday of the month (a few exceptions) from 12-2, typically in UC 303 (again, a few exceptions). The agenda for this week's meeting has already been disseminated. The meeting agenda will typically come out around a week prior to the scheduled meeting and will include the location. **All FRA college representatives should plan to attend all scheduled monthly meetings, and other members of the UCCS faculty are welcome.**

Critical to the success of shared governance is communication! As such, the members of the FRA, especially those serving as college reps, must function as conveyors of information between the FRA and those we represent- our colleges, programs, and faculty colleagues. As such, as we begin a new academic year, I respectfully ask that each FRA rep make a commitment to talking with your chair, dean, and/or director to determine how best to both disseminate information from the FRA to those you represent and to gather information on relevant topics from them as needed. Please feel free to contact me to discuss strategies for accomplishing this if that would be helpful and thank you in advance for supporting shared governance at UCCS!

Here is an update some of the major things happening at the campus and system levels.

CU System-Wide Strategic Planning Process– Newly-appointed CU President Mark Kennedy is initiating a strategic planning process for the CU System. He discussed this process with CU Faculty Council in its first meeting on August 29th, and more information will be forthcoming. Each campus will be appointing representatives (faculty and staff) to several teams that will be working on aspects of the plan. Those to be appointed have already been contacted by the chancellor's office. Expect updates throughout the year. I can provide the slide presentation President Kennedy shared with FC last month to anyone who is interested.

Vacancy- UCCS Faculty Council Representative: UCCS is short one representative for Faculty Council due to a resignation. These are very informative meetings, held in Denver once per month. It is possible to conference in for these meetings. If interested in serving, please contact me directly.

UCCS Faculty/Staff Wellness Task Force – FRA and Staff Council are joining forces to create a Wellness Task Force aimed at both assessing the current state of wellness among faculty and staff on the campus and identifying opportunities for the campus to improve the overall well-being of all faculty and staff. The FRA needs volunteers to serve on this group, including taking a leadership role. Please contact me directly if interested.

New Faculty Mentoring Resource– UCCS joined [The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity](#) as an institutional member August 5 at the recommendation of the Faculty Assembly Minority Affairs Committee and Women’s Committee. The NCFDD is an independent organization that provides online career development and mentoring resources for faculty, instructors, lecturers, post-docs and graduate students. The resources focus on the four key areas of strategic planning, productivity, healthy relationships and work-life balance to help faculty at any stage of their professional career. To access the resources, go to [facultydiversity.org/join](#). Select “University of Colorado Colorado Springs” and then click “Active My Membership” to register. Use the @uccs.edu email address for registration. For technical assistance, reach out to [membership@facultydiversity.org](#).

Please don’t hesitate to contact me directly if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Mary

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Faculty Assembly President