**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the CU Denver Downtown Campus Faculty Assembly’s

Budget Priorities Committee

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December 5, 2023

10:30 pm – 12:00 pm

BPC Attendees: Joanne Addison (chair), Kelly McCusker (secretary), Dan Hodges, Todd Ely, Katherine Gunny, Alan Davis, Miloje Radenkovic, Jody Beck

Guests: Ann Sherman (Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration), Constancio Nakuma (Provost), Turan Kayaoglu (Associate Vice Chancellor of Faculty Affairs), Jen St. Peter (Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget), Anthony Wilson (Finance & Operations Manager, College of Arts & Media, Staff Council Representative), Lucy Dwight UCDALI Rep)

* **Welcome 10:30 – 10:35**
	+ Approval of November meeting minutes
* **Update from Jen and Ann 10:35-11:00**
	+ Spring 2024 enrollment
		- Applications down 7%, Admits down 9%, Enrolls down 12%
		- Majority of spring enrollment comes from continuing students, not new students
		- Total students is down 3.3%, graduate students is down 11%
		- Question: Did we plan for this? We did plan for a reduction, but not this much.
	+ Changes to budget projections
		- November 1 every year, governor releases government proposal for that fiscal year not final authority though as its decided by legislature in April / May of the following year
			* Capped tuition rate increase of 2% instead of 4.9%
			* 3% increase instead of 4.8% for state funding
		- Classified staff get specific increases to pay depending on length of time, causes compression issue in university staff in similar positions.
		- Question: At what point should colleges estimate cuts? Retirement incentive is bringing in more applicants than anticipated. Asking Deans to continue to plan for deeper cuts and reductions than originally planned. Planning on taking all / as many as possible retirement incentives and those positions may not be replaced.
		- Retirement incentives: 65 people applied, 31 are tenure track faculty
			* Ranking by years of service and age
			* Looking at how much package would cost
	+ Financial Aid—separation from Anschutz? Costs to us?
		- Technically we are one institution and we can completely split.
		- 80% of budget allocated for financial aid was for Denver. Need to backfill positions and need to make sure positions are filled in the right places.
	+ Controlling costs at AHEC—raises/personnel, leases, new buildings, budget transparency
		- Over 70% of AHEC employees are classified staff who will also receive increases which may / will affect schools on AHEC.
		- Lots of questions about how this would affect services, and subsequently costs, to adding new residential and office buildings not associated with education.
		- Many concerns.
* **New degree proposals 11:00—11:45**
	+ MS in Clinical Psychopharmacology (MSCP) and Prescribing Fellowship in Clinical Psychopharmacology (PF\_C) programs – BPC supports
	+ BA, BS in Climate Change Studies – BPC supports
* **Final Updates/Discussion (time permitting) 11:45-12:00**
	+ Joanne will send Doodle Poll for spring semester meetings.
	+ First meeting with Chancellor
		- One question: how we are supporting our research activities on campus?
	+ Lots of concerns and questions about retirement and losing faculty and also about compensation equity.
		- Concerns about increase course caps or increase course loads.

**Have a great break!**