

Educational Policy and Planning Committee (EPPC)

MINUTES

February 6, 2024 | 10-11 am

via Zoom: <https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/97522609238>

In attendance: Chair, Wendy Bolyard, School of Public Affairs; Jing Zhang, School of Business; Jefferson Knight, CLAS; Kodi Saylor, Library; Andrew Bateman, College of Arts & Media; Stephen Hartke, CLAS; Matthew Shea, College of Architecture and Planning.

Absent: Margaret Woodhull, CLAS. Lori Elliott, SEHD.

1. Call to Order

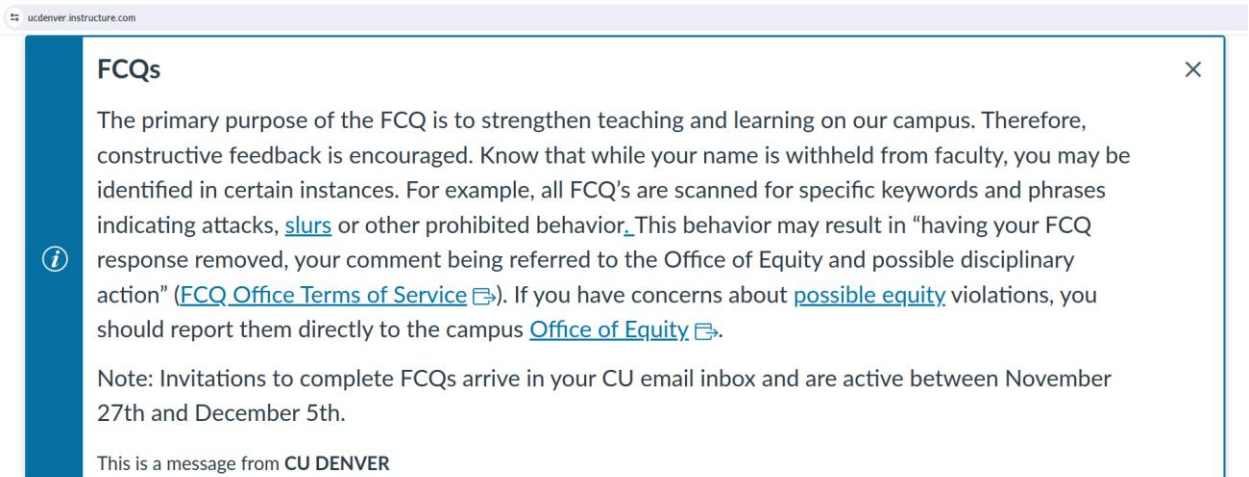
Wendy called the meeting at 10:02 am

2. Approval of Minutes from December

Minutes approved. (Stephen called the motion to approve, Matt second).

3. FCQ data mining

The FCQ qualitative comments are being data mined by staff at CU Boulder. Based on key words, reports on being sent to CU Denver's Office of Equity. Equity then notifies faculty and their supervisor that an investigation may be pursued. Thus, FCQ comments are not anonymous, and a new disclaimer was added to the FCQ page for students (see below).



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FCQs ×

The primary purpose of the FCQ is to strengthen teaching and learning on our campus. Therefore, constructive feedback is encouraged. Know that while your name is withheld from faculty, you may be identified in certain instances. For example, all FCQ's are scanned for specific keywords and phrases indicating attacks, [slurs](#) or other prohibited behavior. This behavior may result in "having your FCQ response removed, your comment being referred to the Office of Equity and possible disciplinary action" ([FCQ Office Terms of Service](#)). If you have concerns about [possible equity](#) violations, you should report them directly to the campus [Office of Equity](#).

Note: Invitations to complete FCQs arrive in your CU email inbox and are active between November 27th and December 5th.

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Questions were raised regarding the number of comments sent to the Equity office and if they are related to student or faculty problems. Detailed data are not available. Committee members commented that the FCQs are not an equitable way to assess faculty, and the reviews disproportionately impact faculty who teach large classes. FCQs are not mandated; however, Regent Policy requires normed evaluations but not FCQs. A working group is being convened by FA over the summer to review the FCQ. It's not entirely clear when data mining began. The committee agreed that FCQ comments should not be mined, students should remain anonymous, and qualitative comments should remain.

4. Pam Laird Community Builder Scholarship

EPPC has been asked to select scholarship recipients. Award is \$1,400 to one or more applicants. Deadline for selection is March 15. In our next meeting, we will discuss recipient selection based on a matrix that Wendy will provide to the committee for comments.

5. Grade Forgiveness Policy

Review and discussion, address including 3000-level classes. A request from the provost. Students should be given a second chance, and the committee agreed that grade forgiveness should be available to more students rather than being restrictive. With 3000-level core courses that students must complete, giving them a second chance can help improve their GPA.

6. Academic Transformation Working Groups – No updates.

7. Spring Semester Meeting Schedule

EPC will change its meeting time to 9:30am.

8. Other business/announcements

None

9. Next meeting

DEI in annual evaluation

10. Adjournment: Meeting ends at 11:00 am