

**UNIVERSITY OF DENVER**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**September 16, 2005**  
**Mary Reed Building, Renaissance Room South**  
**Minutes**

**Senators (or their Proxy) present:** William Anderson, Alvaro Arias, Davor Balzar, Dennis Barrett, Arthur Best, Marian Bussey, David Christophel, Bonnie Clark, Joel Cohen, Jenny Cornish, Davy Davis, Ron DeLyser, Fran Dickson, Andy Divine, Sandra Dixon, Jack Donnelly, Margo Espenlaub, James Gilroy, Deb Grealy, Shannen Hill, Mike Keables, Brian Kiteley, Gregg Kvistad, Corinne Lengsfeld, Michael Levine-Clark, Steve McCarl, Don McCubbrey, Cathryn Potter, Catherine Reed, Charles Reichardt, Dean Saitta, Nancy Sampson, Martha Santos, Michael Schulze, Jack Sheinbaum, Javier Torre, Diane Waldman, Tim Weaver, Todd Wells, Margaret Whitt, and Yavuz Yasar

**Call to order**

Cathryn Potter, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed everyone present. She reminded the Senators that Senate meetings will always begin with lunch at 11:30, followed by the meeting itself at noon. She asked the new Senators to introduce themselves: Alvaro Arias, Marian Bussey, Corey Ciochetti, Bonnie Clark, Davey Davis, Michael Keables, Maciej Kumosa, Steve McCarl, Martha Santos, and Michael Schulze. Andy Devine moved to accept the minutes from May 27, 2005; that motion passed unanimously with the usual caveat that Senators may contact Jenny Cornish, Senate Executive Secretary, at x14304 or [jcornish@du.edu](mailto:jcornish@du.edu), with further corrections.

**Interim Provost's Remarks: Gregg Kvistad**

Potter introduced Interim Provost Kvistad to the Senators and warmly welcomed him to the meeting. Kvistad remarked that he first started at DU in 1984, served as Chair of the Political Science Department from 1992-1998, became Dean in 1998, and was appointed Interim Provost in July, 2005. He has had several meetings with Potter and finds her to be highly organized. The report from the Teaching Task Force is an important document that will be put on the Faculty Senate website ([www.du.edu/facsen](http://www.du.edu/facsen)) in a few days. Kvistad, Potter, and Jim Moran, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Research, are currently appointing members to a new Scholarship and Research Task Force. Kvistad is also aware of the faculty salary study and the faculty housing study. Salary information by discipline is currently available to Kvistad who plans to meet in the near future with Dick Gartrell, Director of Human Resources to discuss this issue. Kvistad pointed out that housing is an easier focus point for the university since it consists of one time funding, but he reiterated that both he and the Chancellor recognize salary as a problem that will not be solved by the merit pool but will require a major institutional initiative. He stated that although DU has accepted fewer students this year than last year, the numbers of incoming freshman as well as transfer students have aslightly exceeded projections. DU has also accepted approximately 40 undergraduate and 10 graduate students from Gulf Coast institutions and will not charge them tuition for this quarter.

**Revisions to Patent Policy (First Reading): John Coombe**

John Coombe, Vice Chancellor for Intellectual Property and Events gave a brief history and overview of his office and stated that the set of policies are proposed progressive, more liberal than others at most institutions, and are more favorable to faculty. At present, the office is working on consistency among patent policies. Coombe focused on three issues in the Proposed Changes to Patent Policy document he distributed today to the Senate: 1) reorientation from being passive to aggressive regarding inventions; 2) bringing policies related to technology transfer in line with the intellectual property policy, particularly as there has been an explosion of inventions at DU in the last few years; and 3) application of patent policy to DU students. Jack Donnelly raised a question about faculty publishing potentially patentable discoveries and Don McCubrey requested that “substantial contribution” be better defined. Potter explained that the proposal will be forwarded to the Senate Academic Planning Committee for review, with a second reading planned at Senate the Friday before the DU Board of Trustees meeting in October, 2005. Chip Reichardt (Psychology) is the Faculty Senate representative on the Intellectual Property Policy Committee and the Intellectual Property Appeals Committee, although neither met last year.

**Welcome to new Athletic Director: Peg Bradley-Doppes**

Bardley-Doppes distributed her Division of Athletics and Recreation Statement of Philosophy and explained that her focus is on student-athletes, with the emphasis on academics. Her current areas of concern include exploration of a different conference than Sunbelt, for many reasons; increased financial independence via gate receipts and endowed scholarships; and promoting a sense of accountability (e.g., she personally reviews all midterm and final grades). She also hopes to increase graduation rates. Nancy Sampson is the faculty liaison to Athletics and a member of Faculty Senate. Bradley-Doppes stated that she is accessible at any time to faculty members for discussion, as are the coaches and support staff.

**Election for Member at Large Seat on Senate Executive Committee**

Dennis Barrett, Co-Chair of the Senate Nominations, Credentials, and Rules Committee explained that Dean Saitta’s election as President Elect leaves vacant his seat on the Executive Committee as Member-at-Large. Ron DeLyser and Roger Salters were nominated and DeLyser was elected Member at large of the Executive Committee, term ending May 2006. Barrett also informed Senators that if they accrue three unexcused absences from Senate or from their committee meetings, unpleasant consequences could follow, and he encouraged everyone to attend or send a proxy. He also mentioned that the Senate Constitution is available on the Faculty Senate home page

([www.du.edu/facsen](http://www.du.edu/facsen))

**Adjournment**

President Potter adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m., thanked everyone for their participation today, and recommended that committees meet with Chairs as follow:

Academic Planning:	David Christophel
Finance	David Cox
Personnel	Arthur Best

Student Relations  
Nominations, Rules, and Credentials

James Gilroy  
Dennis Barrett and Deborah Grealy

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Jenny Cornish, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary