

University of Denver
Faculty Senate
Minutes
January 24, 2014
Anderson Academic Commons

Senators (or proxies) present: Annelise Amschler Andrews, Shimelis Assefa, Christopher Brown (Proxy for Erin Meyer), Victor Castellani, Maclyn Clouse, Ron DeLyser, Ann Dobyns (Proxy for Graham Foust), Judith Fox (Proxy for Jamie Shapiro), Tony Gault, Esther Gil (Proxy for Jenny Bowers), Jim Gilroy, Leslie Hasche, Robert Hardaway (Proxy for Ved Nanda), Annabeth Headrick, John Hill, Tim Hurley, Scott Johns, Arthur Jones, Megan Kelly, Michelle Kruse-Crocker, Frederic Latremoliere, Rick Leaman, Tiffani Lennon, Luis León, Scott Leutenegger, Jeffrey Lin, Steven Mayer, Don McCubbrey, Lynett Henderson Metzges (Proxy for Courtney Welton-Mitchell), Gloria Miller, David Mindock, Julianne Mitchell, Michele Morrison, Vi Narapareddy, Linda Olson, Pallab Paul, Scott Pegan, Anne Penner, George Potts, Rebecca Powell, Martin Quigley, Tom Quinn, Allegra Reiber, Chip Reichardt, Naomi Reshotko, Rafael Rossotto Ioris, Maria Salazar, Nancy Sampson, Kent Seidel, Amrik Singh, Mary Steefel, Jing Sun, Paul Sutton, Matthew Taylor, Phil Tedeschi, Ron Throupe, Robert Urquhart, and Melanie Witt.

Call to Order, Approval of Minutes

Scott Leutenegger, Senate President, called the meeting to order at noon.

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2013 Senate meeting was seconded and approved.

Provost's Report—Gregg Kvistad

The 2015 tuition increase has been presented to the Board of Trustees. The tuition increase is 3.442 percent; the increase for tuition, fees, room, and board combined is 3.2 percent. When adjusted for inflation and financial aid the cost of attendance in FY 2013 was less than it was in FY 2005. We have kept tuition rate increases relatively low and have invested a great deal in financial aid. Letters to parents will be sent in the next week or so.

Regarding the Chancellor's resignation—While we are accustomed to year-long searches, the Chancellor's announcement was delayed due to the ongoing Strategic Issues Panel and some pending gifts. The message from the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees is accurate; there is not a backstory.

Responses to Questions

Question: What impact does the Chancellor's announcement have on the current dean searches?—We will inform all of the candidates about the Chancellor's decision and explain to them what it means and what it does not mean. The searches will continue. The chances of getting all three searches completed in a year are low even under ordinary circumstances. The Chancellor's resignation adds a new wrinkle for any candidate.

Campus Safety Issue—Vice Chancellor Craig Woody

The Director of Campus Safety has initiated a conversation about whether campus safety officers should carry side arms. The initiation of the conversation is due to factors such as safety of officers during intrusion responses, and length of time required for Denver Police to respond to an on-campus incident; officers have confiscated deadly force weapons during intrusion responses.

We have retained a consultant to help us evaluate the issue. We want to get input from students and faculty. We have asked the Senate President to recommend a few faculty members to participate in discussions with the consultant.

DU, not the consultant, will decide how and whether to proceed with this.

A Senator noted that students do not have a high view of campus safety and therefore student involvement in the conversation is very important.

Several Senators expressed concern about the concept of armed campus safety officers.

Responses to Questions

The side arms would not be concealed.

We would comply with mandatory police officer training and mental health evaluations; not all officers would be armed.

We would need approval from the City of Denver Attorney and the Department of Public Safety.

The specific question before the consultants is whether to arm officers with side arms; Tasers and other options are not part of the consultant's scope.

I expect a range of recommendations from the consultant.

Parents expect a high level of security and capability.

Annual Giving—Director and Associate Professor David Corsun

First, I want to express our thanks to those who have already given. We are currently at 38 percent participation; Daniels participation is 52 percent.

Sweat equity contributions are important and appreciated, but we all need to reach into our pockets too. This matters very much to external donors; they like to know we are financially committed.

If you are uncertain whether you have already given, please call the Advancement office.

Sesquicentennial Website Update—Julie Reeves and Na'im McKee

Julie and Na'im provided a video tour of the website and described some of its key features which include an event calendar, DU history, interactive historic campus map, interactive timeline, and networking opportunities for alumni, students, faculty and staff.

<http://sqc.staging.wpengine.com/>

Executive Session—APT Draft

Only Senators were present for this session.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by

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