

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER**Faculty Senate****May 27, 2005****Noon – 1:30****Mary Reed Building, Renaissance Room South**

Senators (or their Proxy) present: Bill Anderson, Elizabeth Anderson, Davor Balzar, Dennis Barrett, Arthur Best, David Christophel, Corey Ciocchetti, Joel Cohen, Lisa Conant, Jenny Cornish, David Cox, Nick Cutforth, Ron DeLyser, Fran Dickson, Andy Divine, Sandy Dixon, Jack Donnelly, Margo Espenlaub, Leon Giles, Deborah Grealy, Jim Hagler, Shannen Hill, Don Hughes, Beth Karlsgodt, Brian Kiteley, Christina Kreps, Corinne Lengsfeld, Michael Levine-Clark, David Longbrake, Don McCubbrey, Lynn Parker, Cathryn Potter, Catherine Reed, Charles Reichardt, Dean Saitta, Paula Sperry, Joseph Szyliowicz, Javier Torre, John Tripp, Diane Waldman, Tim Weaver, Margaret Whitt, Yasar Yavuz

Call to order

Cathryn Potter, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed everyone present. She reminded all to sign in, either as a Senator or as a Proxy. The minutes for May 6, 2005 were approved with the caveat that Senators may contact Jenny Cornish (jcornish@du.edu) with any changes.

Provost's Report

Provost Robert Coombe reported on four main issues and then addressed questions from the Senators:

- The budget is complete and the university is in good shape. Of \$278 million expected in revenue, \$3 million is at risk due to enrollment numbers of transfer students and some graduate units, but contingencies are in place with more than enough reserves to cover any problems. The budget includes \$8 million in new investments in academic endeavors including the Marsico Initiative, Cherrington Global Scholars, Penrose and needed acquisitions, \$108,000.00 additional funding for Graduate Teaching Assistant stipends, funds to replace the Colorado Fellowship Fund (merit-based fellowships for doctoral students), an additional position at the Roosevelt Institute, monies to attract and retain diverse faculty members, a new Living and Learning Community for Entrepreneurs, and faculty scholarship and research (including increasing the Faculty Research Fund back to \$50,000.00 and increasing the Professional Research Opportunities FUND with an eventual target of \$500,000.00). The focus is on increasing the endowment to decrease dependency on tuition dollars. In response to Senators' questions about the budget, the Provost pointed out that the Colorado Fellowship Fund was always just for doctoral students, but there have also been need-based funding available for master's students as well. Funds to recruit diverse students are subject to legal considerations, but are obviously important.
- The DU attorney has reviewed the Plagiarism Guidelines developed by Senator Margaret Whitt and her committee, and has suggested minor changes. The Provost plans to work with Senator Whitt to finish the final draft of this important document.
- The Teaching Task Force grew out of the fall 2004 Provost's Conference. Recommendations from the task force will be available soon.
- The Provost's Conference scheduled for fall, 2005, will be on the topic of internationalization. Eric Gould, Cherrington Global Scholars Chair, is organizing the conference that will include issues such as infusing internationalization into the curriculum; diversity, democracy, and globalization; the impact of the Cherrington Initiative; perspectives from international students and scholars; and a presentation by Madeline Green, Vice President and Director, Center for Institutional and International Initiatives, American Council on Education. The Provost encouraged Senators to contact Eric Gould with other ideas for the conference.
- In response to questions raised about faculty salaries, the Provost stated that the DU administration is aware of the need to raise salaries, and that this will take more than just merit increases, but a large investment over a number of years. He underscored the importance of the Endowment Campaign in this effort.
- The Provost concluded his report by thanking the Senators for their efforts on behalf of the university this year, and reiterating that this has been a very good year for DU.

Following the Provost's report, President Potter pointed out that Provost Coombe and Vice Chancellor Craig Woody have recently spend time with the Senate Executive Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, reviewing the budget in a very helpful way.

Elections: Dennis Barrett, Chair, Nominations, Credentialing, and Rules Committee

Senator Barrett announced the Senators serving as Proxy for the election today, then organized the election process as follows:

President-Elect of the Senate

Senator Barrett pointed out that the President-Elect serves a one year term, followed by terms as Senate President and then as Past-President.

Senators Ron DeLyser (Engineering), Dean Saitta (Anthropology), and Margaret Whitt (English) had previously been nominated for President-Elect, and there were no further nominations from the floor. President Potter thanked the three nominees, commented that each is a truly excellent candidate, and indicated her pleasure with the current robust democracy in the Senate.

Each of the candidates had written a statement that had been sent to Senators previously via electronic mail. Each nominee gave a brief speech in the meeting today followed by the vote. Senator Saitta was elected president-Elect.

Chair, Finance Committee

Senator David Cox (Finance) had previously been nominated as Chair of the Finance Committee for a two-year term ending May, 2007 and there were no further nominations from the floor today. Senator Cox was unanimously elected Chair of the Finance Committee.

Senate Member, Faculty at Large

Senators Ron DeLyser (Engineering), Nancy Sampson (Management), and Matthew Taylor (Geography) had previously been nominated for the position of Senate Member, Faculty at Large, for three-year terms, ending May 2008. No further nominations were put forward today. Senators DeLyser and Sampson were elected as the new Senators at Large.

Editor of the *Faculty Forum*

Senator Margaret Whitt (English) had previously been nominated for Editor of the *Faculty Forum* for a one-year term ending May 2006. No further nominations were made, and Senator Whitt was unanimously elected Editor of the *Faculty Forum*.

Member at Large, Executive Committee of the Senate

Senators Margo Espenlaub (The Women's College), Cathy Reed (Psychology), and Jack Sheinbaum (Music) had previously been nominated for Member at Large, Senate Executive Committee, for a two-year term ending May 2007. Senator David Christophel nominated Senator Ron DeLyser (Engineering) from the floor. An initial vote led to a tie between Senators Espenlaub and DeLyser. Senator Espenlaub was then elected Member at Large, Executive Committee of the Senate.

Board of Trustees/Faculty and Educational Affairs – FEAC – Committee

Senators Ron DeLyser (Engineering), Gordon VonStroh (Management), and Margaret Whitt (English) had previously been nominated as representatives to FEAC for a three year term ending May, 2008. President Potter pointed out that this Senator elected to this position will replace Barbara Wilcox, since her term on FEAC is ending. She also stated that Senators David Christophel and Andy Devine will continue on FEAC. Senator Whitt was elected as the new Board of Trustees/FEAC Representative.

Introduction of New Senators

President Potter introduced five new Senators: Alvaros Arias (Mathematics), Bonnie Clark (Anthropology), replacing Christina Kreps while she is on sabbatical, Maciej Kumosa (Engineering), and Martha Santos (History). New Senators still need to be elected from Marketing, Psychology, Law, and Social Work.

Committee Reports**Finance Committee: David Cox**

Senator David Cox reported for the Finance Committee since Senator David Longbrake was not able to attend the meeting today. Senator Cox stated that salary information was presented by the

Committee to Provost Coombe and Vice Chancellor Woody and they are very aware of the numbers and the need not just to recruit new faculty but also to adequately compensate current faculty members. The Housing Project data will be presented at the first Senate meeting in fall, 2005. At this point, DU's housing profile appears more similar to the west coast than to the east coast.

Academic Planning Committee: David Christophel

Senator Christophel reported that the Faculty Research Fund will return to \$50,000.00. The Committee decided that 10% of the fund will be considered for discretionary grants (\$500.00 maximum each) distributed on a monthly basis. A new application will be designed for these "emergency funds."

Personnel Committee: Arthur Best

Senator Best stated that the new faculty awards need to be re-worked. Benefits (e.g., tuition waivers) will be considered again in the future.

Student Relations Committee: Ron DeLyser

Senator DeLyser reported that members of the Student Relations Committee have participated in the Teaching Task Force, Student Affairs Committee, Honor Code and Plagiarism groups, Athletics Committee, and Alumni Relations Committee. In addition, he has received regular reports from Jo Calhoun and Patti Helton on the Strategic Plan for Student Life, disciplinary measures for students, etc. DU is trying to host *Peace Jam*, an organization that would bring 14 Nobel Laureates on campus, and he has been working on that as well. He presented the Senate with a full report, available also by contacting him at rdelyser@du.edu. Senator DeLyser concluded by announcing that Jim Gilroy has been elected Chair of the Student Relations Committee beginning in fall, 2005.

Administrator Evaluations

President Potter commended the Senators for encouraging faculty to participate in the on-line administrator evaluations. Results are now available on the web, with hard copies to be distributed in the near future. Participation increased this year to almost 50%. Engineering and Social Work each had 63% of faculty members participate, with Political Science and the ITEC (DCB) both reporting 100% participation. A spirit of friendly competition, along with some incentives (e.g., gift certificates to the Tattered Cover given by Political Science) helped to increase faculty participation this year. The Faculty Senate President met with both the Chancellor and Provost to review the results in detail prior to the release of results to chairs and vice-provosts last week. The results are available online at www.du.edu/facsen, and will be arriving in faculty mail boxes in paper form next week.

Other Business

- Several Senators asked about the Chancellor search process. President Potter stated that she has received over 60 e-mails from faculty members, with many other messages going directly to Joy Burns (Chair, Board of Trustees), and Bill Zaranka (on the Chancellor Search Committee, and serving as a conduit to that Committee for many of the Deans). President Potter stated that she was unsure of the time table for a final announcement. Senator Corrine Lengsfeld, member of the Chancellor Search Committee, stated that the Committee members stayed true to the important themes throughout the process and both she and President Potter reiterated their positive impression of the search.
- President Potter acknowledged Senators who are finishing their terms, particularly Past-President Leon Giles who received a round of applause for his nine years on the Senate as well as for his courage as President.
- President Potter also acknowledged Senators who are retiring from DU: David Longbrake and Paula Sperry.
- President Potter further acknowledged the Chairs of the Senate Committees: Senators Dennis Barrett, Arthur Best, David Christophel, Ron DeLyser, and David Longbrake.
- President Potter then acknowledged the Senators on the Chancellor Search Committee: Senators Arthur Best, Corrine Lengsfeld, and herself. She also mentioned that the faculty was further represented by Jim Grissmer, Rob Roberts, and Bill Zaranka.
- Senator Christophel then led the Senators in a round of applause for President Potter and the excellent job she has done this year.

Adjournment

Following a motion to adjourn that was unanimously passed by the Senators, President Potter adjourned the Senate meeting at 1:30 p.m. and thanked everyone for their participation today.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jenny Cornish, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary