MINUTES
FACULTY COUNCIL
October 5, 2010

CALL TO ORDER
The Faculty Council meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Richard Eykholt, Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Next Faculty Council Meeting - November 2, 2010 - A103 Clark Building - 4:00 p.m.
Eykholt announced that the next Faculty Council meeting will be held on November 2, 2010 in Room A103 Clark Building. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m.
B. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Eykholt announced that copies of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for August 24 and 31 and September 14, 2010 have been included in the agenda materials for informational purposes.
Eykholt asked the Faculty Council members if there were any objections to emailing the Executive Committee meeting minutes to Faculty Council members instead of including these as hard copies in the agenda materials. There were no objections. Eykholt noted that beginning with the November 2, 2010 Faculty Council agenda, the Executive Committee meeting minutes will be emailed to Faculty Council members and not included as hard copies in the agenda materials.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED
A. Faculty Council Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2010
The September 7, 2010 Faculty Council Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED
A. Provost/Executive Vice President
Alan Lamborn, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, reported that the Fall 2010 Freshman class enrollment is up 4.3 percent. He added that the non-resident enrollment remained stable and the resident enrollment was up, with a record number of students from the Denver metro area. Lamborn noted that Colorado State University continues to have students enroll from all the counties in the State. Lamborn reported that the total enrollment is up by 3.7 percent. In addition, this class is the most racially and ethnically diverse Freshman class, up from 677 students to 740 students. The average GPA and ACT composite scores for the Freshman class tied the highest on record for Colorado State University. Lamborn reported that retention has increased from 82.5 percent to 83.9 percent. This retention number is up from 81.5 percent for the Fall 2006 Freshman class.

Lamborn reported that contingency planning for the FY12 budget continues. He noted that the first draft of the budget is due on November 15. The administration is asking colleges for 5%, 7.5% and 10% contingency plans and two suggestions for either a vertical cut or a merger of sub-units. Lamborn emphasized that it is still very early in the budget planning process and these are due diligence contingency plans given the known disappearance of the $16.6 M in stimulus money and the possibility of further cuts in State support. He noted that the Joint Budget Committee has indicated that additional cuts totaling $37 M are likely. Lamborn reported that the Financial Accountability Plan has been submitted to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. He explained that Colorado State University has proposed increasing
the credit hours that incur charges from 10 to 12 which would equate to $16 M at current enrollment levels. Lamborn also pointed out that differential tuition, as proposed, would bring $4-8 M, depending where it is set. He explained that the ASCSU leadership has been briefed regarding these issues.

Lamborn reported that the search committee members for the Dean of the College of Natural Sciences have identified finalists, and they are in the process of contacting the finalists and setting dates for on-campus interviews in late October and early November. Lamborn reported that the search committee members for the Dean of Applied Human Sciences will be reviewing applications after the closing date for this position, which is mid October.

Lamborn reported that the Board of Governors has considered bonds for a variety of construction projects, which include Engineering II, the Library addition, and classroom renovations. The Board of Governors is still considering some remaining funding issues, but are very close to a final decision.

Lamborn reported that Colorado State University has formed an institutional partnership with China (Hunan University, East China Normal University, Northwest State University of Agriculture and Forestry, and China Agricultural University). Lamborn reported that about 30 students from our partners are participating in this program. He explained that there were some challenges with transfer evaluation. He noted that building up from individual course equivalences does not work well; going from packages of courses to packages of requirements appears to be a more appropriate path given structural differences in organization of courses. He added that the Registrar’s office is working on resolving this issue. He added that a companion set of initiatives are underway on collaborative research and faculty exchanges.

Lamborn reported that the Provost is pleased with the discussions during initial meetings of the new Faculty Council Advisory Committee on Special and Temporary Faculty.

Lamborn’s report was received.

B. Faculty Council Chair

Eykholt reported that he was contacted by Lanai Greenhalgh, Director, Office of Ombuds and Employee Assistant Program to recruit a faculty member to serve on a committee that will help review RFP’s (Request for Proposals) and select vendors for the Employee Assistance Program. Eykholt noted that the Employee Assistance Program is available to campus employees to help with issues such as: relationship conflicts; problems with children; substance abuse; stress, anxiety or depression, grief, and loss; and job pressures. Eykholt explained that a Faculty Council members would be a good candidate for this committee and asked that possible candidates for this committee be emailed to him.

Eykholt reported, that in 1980, the Board of Governors adopted a policy requiring that all student-athletes complete a minimum of 24 degree-applicable credit hours each academic year. This policy was placed in the Catalog in 1981 and was approved by Faculty Council in 1982. Eykholt explained that this policy was approved in order to ensure the integrity of Colorado State University’s sports programs by instituting minimum standards for academic progress. At that time, the NCAA had few scholastic requirements for student-athletes. However, since then, the NCAA has established rigorous standards for tracking the academic progress of student-athletes. At the present time, Colorado State University must strictly follow the NCAA rules, in addition to the policy adopted in 1980. In addition, the 1980 policy necessitates an additional level of bureaucracy in the Athletic Department to ensure that each student-athlete completes at least 24 degree-applicable credits hours every academic year. The NCAA regulations do not require 24 credits each year, but rely on cumulative totals instead. In addition, a number of student-athletes must attend summer school in order to comply with this inflexible policy, regardless of prior progress or total number of credits already earned. In addition, the 1980 academic-progress rule does not allow student-athletes at Colorado State University to make intelligent use of college credits earned in high school, such as AP courses or IB programs. This rule insists that Colorado State University student-athletes take 24 credits each academic year, even though the students may come to Colorado State University with a significant number of credits that apply toward their degrees. Thus, in many cases, the 1980 policy requires our student to take course work that is not needed to advance them towards graduation, including taking courses during the summer. Eykholt explained that the Office of General Counsel has been asked to present a motion to the Board of Governors eliminating this policy because it is no longer needed, causes unnecessary expenses, and has the potential to hurt student-athletes. Eykholt further explained that, if the 1980 policy were dropped, student-athletes would still be governed by the rigorous academic-progress standards of the NCAA. Eykholt also noted that the University Catalog no longer has this policy but states:
“Student-athletes participating in intercollegiate athletics must comply with all eligibility and academic requirements of the University, the Mountain West Conference, and the NCAA, and are expected to make consistent and satisfactory progress towards completion of their degree programs. Student-athletes are also required to conduct themselves in conformance with the athletic department’s specific expectations in the areas of academic, athletics, and social and outreach activities.”

Eykholt noted that this change is not something that needs approval by Faculty Council but he wanted to get feedback on this issue.

A question was raised concerning the academic progress and graduation rates for student-athletes compared to non student-athletes. Sue LaRue, Chair, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, responded that she and Paul Kowalczyk, Athletic Director, will be presenting a report to Faculty Council at its November 2, 2010 meeting regarding this issue. She noted that across the board, the graduation rate and GPA for student-athletes are 2-3 percent higher than for students as a whole. She added that some sports, such as basketball and football, are more challenging for the student-athletes. A question was raised about athletic scholarship requirements. A question was asked if Faculty Council has any oversight to athletics. LaRue responded that the Faculty Council Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics serves in an advisory capacity to both the President and the Director of Athletics. She added that the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics looks out for the academic rights of students to make sure they are not treated poorly.

The Faculty Council members were in favor of eliminating the 1980 rule. Eykholt will convey this to the administration.

Eykholt’s report was received.

C. Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU) - Officers - Student Issues

This report was postponed until the November 2, 2010 Faculty Council meeting. The ASCSU President was unable to attend due to the Board of Governors meeting being held at the same time as the Faculty Council meeting.

D. Graduate Student Council (GSC) - Officers - Student Issues

Katherine Zaunbrecher, President of the Graduate Student Council (GSC), presented to Faculty Council the following issues that the GSC is pursuing this academic year.

Zaunbrecher reported that the GSC is striving to become more well-known on the campus, to increase the awareness of what GSC represents, and to increase graduate student representation. She noted that, currently, there are 20 representatives on GSC, and attendance has been good at meetings.

One of the main issues that is being reviewed this year is the mandated student health insurance. Zaunbrecher noted that the GSC is meeting with Ann Hudgens to discuss the health insurance issue. She also noted that a forum is being planned to discuss the health insurance offered. Also, a survey will be sent out after this forum regarding the health insurance issue.

Another issue that the GSC is pursuing is improving its relationship with ASCSU. Zaunbrecher noted that the GSC budget is $122 this year. She pointed out that other universities have GSC budgets ranging from $10,000 to $100,000 per year. She added that they need to find out what funding is available to GSC, especially for travel and professional events.

The GSC is also reviewing policies concerning full-time graduate students vs part-time graduate students. This policy has caused some issues regarding loan repayments for graduate students. She noted that the GSC is also looking at interdisciplinary research work for graduate students. It was noted that departments may not want graduate students to work in another department.

Steve Newman asked if the back to school picnic held for graduate students was successful. Zaunbrecher noted that over 200 students attended this event. It was also pointed out that there is an opt-out option for the mandatory insurance, and that the new federal health care allows parents to cover children until they are 26 under their health plan.
Zaunbrecher asked that, if faculty members have questions for the GSC, to please visit its website or email her.

Zaunbrecher’s report was received.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Changes in Curriculum to be Approved: University Curriculum Committee Minutes: August 27, September 3, and 10, 2010

B. Approval of Degree Candidates - Fall Semester 2010

Carole Makela, Chair, University Curriculum Committee, moved that Faculty Council approve the above Consent Agenda items.

Makela’s motion was adopted and the Consent Agenda items were approved.

SPECIAL ACTIONS

A. Memorial Resolution - Harry Rosenberg - Executive Committee

Timothy Gallagher, Vice Chair, Faculty Council, moved that Faculty Council adopt the following Memorial Resolution for Harry Rosenberg.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
HARRY ROSENBERG
March 22, 1923 - September 9, 2010
Faculty Council
October 5, 2010

WHEREAS, Harry Rosenberg served the University and its academic faculty members, staff, and students for over 46 years with humor, distinction, excellence, and loyalty;

WHEREAS, Harry served more than 30 years as a member of Faculty Council, including as Faculty Council’s first Chairperson as an academic faculty member (1988-90); four years as Chairperson of the Committee on Responsibilities and Standing of Academic Faculty, two years as Chairperson of the Steering Committee, two years as Chairperson of the Code Committee, and two years as the Faculty Representative to the State Board of Agriculture;

WHEREAS, Harry committed himself to all of these activities with objectivity, diligence, and intelligence;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Council of Colorado State University extends this memorial resolution to the family of Harry Rosenberg with profound gratitude for his life among us and for his passionate dedication to the University. Harry gave insight and humor to numerous meetings of the Faculty Council and its Steering Committee, and brought a relationship of trust and openness to everyone associated with Faculty Council and the University.

Gallagher’s motion was adopted.

Eykholt noted that a memorial plaque will be given to Rosenberg’s widow.

B. Proposed Revisions to the Manual, Section I.12.4 - Class Attendance Regulations - Committee on Teaching and Learning

Gallagher, on behalf of the Committee on Teaching and Learning, moved that Faculty Council adopt the proposed revisions to the Manual, Section I.12.4 - Class Attendance Regulations to be effective upon approval by the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System as follows:
I.12.4 Class Attendance Regulations

Instructors and departments are responsible for establishing class attendance policies for classes and examinations. These policies must accommodate student participation in University-sanctioned extracurricular/co-curricular activities. Students must inform their instructors prior to the anticipated absence and take the initiative to make up missed work in a timely fashion. Instructors must make reasonable efforts to enable students to make up work which must be accomplished under the instructor's supervision (e.g., examinations, laboratories). In the event of a conflict in regard to this policy, individuals may appeal using established University procedures.

For the purposes of this regulation, University-sanctioned activities include competitions, events and professional meetings in which students are officially representing the institution. Appropriate sanctioned activities include:

- Intercollegiate athletics;
- Collegiate club sports and competitions;
- Conferences and workshops recognized by the University not related to academics;
- Commitments on behalf of the University (ASCSU, band, etc.); and
- Professional activities recognized by the University related to academics.

Department heads or their designated representatives must approve sanctioned professional and departmental activities. Other sanctioned activities must be approved by the appropriate program director on record with the Division of Student Affairs offices or the Department of Athletics.

Gallagher explained that this proposed revision clarifies that conflicts with examinations are also covered by this policy.

Gallagher’s motion was adopted.

C. Proposed Revisions to the Manual, Section H.14 - Smoking in Campus Buildings - Committee on Responsibilities and Standing of Academic Faculty

David Greene, Chair, Committee on Responsibilities and Standing of Academic Faculty, moved that Faculty Council adopt the proposed revisions to the Manual, Section H.14 – Smoking in Campus Buildings to be effective upon approval by the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System as follows:

Additions underlined - Deletions overscored

H.14 No Smoking in Campus Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in all University buildings and within twenty-five (25) feet of any entrance, passageway, operable window, or ventilation system. Willful violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Greene explained that in order to obtain LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for a campus building, this minimum distance must be at least 25 feet.

Newman asked if there were plans for enforcement. Nancy Hunter asked if there will be planned signage. Eykholt noted that this motion is being proposed only to conform only to the LEED requirements for certification for a campus building. Newman noted that Front Range Community College has excellent signage and areas for smoking on its campus. Eykholt noted that he will pass this information to Brian Chase, Director, Facilities Management.

Greene’s motion was adopted.

Eykholt noted that he has been reviewing Section H with General Counsel because it contains many policies that are not related to academics. A new Policy Office has been created, and many of the policies contained in Section H could be eliminated and transferred to the Policy Office. He explained that any
revisions to Section H will need to come forward to Faculty Council for approval, and he asked that, if anyone had concerns regarding this issue, to please contact him.

D. Request to Drop Master of Science Plan B in Occupational Therapy - University Curriculum Committee

Makela, Chair, University Curriculum Committee, moved that Faculty Council adopt the request to drop the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, Plan B effective Fall semester 2013.

Makela explained that the MS Plan A thesis option will remain for student who are strongly interested in research. The students whose primary interest is in becoming practitioners will be encouraged to select the Plan C MOT degree. Therefore the MS Plan B option will no longer be offered.

Makela’s motion was adopted.

The Faculty Council meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Richard Eykholt, Chair
Tim Gallagher, Vice Chair
Diane L. Maybon, Secretary
ATTENDANCE
BOLD INDICATES PRESENT AT MEETING
UNDERLINE INDICATES ABSENT AT MEETING

Agricultural Sciences
Stephen Koontz, Excused Agricultural and Resource Economics
Denny Crews Animal Sciences
William Jacobi Biobiological Sciences & Pest Management
Steve Newman Horticulture & Landscape Architecture
Craig Butters Soil and Crop Sciences
Dana Hoag College-at-Large
Andrew Norton College-at-Large

Applied Human Sciences
Molly Eckman Design and Merchandising
Robert Gotshall Health and Exercise Science
David Sampson Food Science and Human Nutrition
Christine Fruhauf Human Development and Family Studies
Mary Nobe Construction Management
David Greene for Occupational Therapy
Matthew Malcolm
Carole Makela School of Education
Louise Quijano for School of Social Work
Kim Bundy-Fazioli

Business
Suzanne Lowensohn Accounting
Stephen Hayne Computer Information Systems
Patricia Ryan Finance and Real Estate
Jim McCambridge Management
Dave Gilliland Marketing

Engineering
Scott Denning Atmospheric Science
Brad Reisfeld Chemical and Biological Engineering
Ken Carlson Civil and Environmental Engineering
Steve Reising Electrical and Computer Engineering
Hiroshi Sakurai Mechanical Engineering
Xianghong Qian College-at-Large
Colette Heald College-at-Large

Liberal Arts
Mary Van Buren Anthropology
Catherine Dicesare Art
Andy Merolla Communication Studies
David Mushinski Economics
Louann Reid English
Ernesto Sagas Ethnic Studies
Jonathan Carlyon Foreign Languages and Literature
Jared Orsi History
Cindy Christen Journalism and Technical Communication
Gary Moody Music, Theater, and Dance
Matthew MacKenzie Philosophy
Ursula Daxecker Political Science
Ken Berry Sociology
Karrin Anderson College-at-Large
Eric Aoki College-at-Large
Alex Bernasek College-at-Large
Natural Resources
Paul Doherty  Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology
Mark Paschke  Forest, Rangeland, and Watershed Stewardship
Sven Egenhoff  Geosciences
Alan Bright  Human Dimensions of Natural Resources

Natural Sciences
Eric Ross  Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
David Steingraeber  Biology
George Barisas  Chemistry
Dale Grit  Computer Science
Robert France  Physics
Ken Klopfenstein  Mathematics
Raymond Robinson, Excused  Psychology
Patrick Monnier  Statistics
Philip Chapman  College-at-Large
Steve Stack  College-at-Large
Mike Steger  College-at-Large
Miguel Mostafa  College-at-Large

Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
Scott Earley  Biomedical Sciences
Daniel Smeak  Clinical Sciences
Howard Ramsdell  Environmental & Radiological Health Sciences
Robert Jones  Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology
Hana VanCampen  College-at-Large
Gerry Callahan  College-at-Large
C. W. Miller  College-at-Large
Anthony Knight  College-at-Large
Susan Kraft  College-at-Large
William Hanneman  College-at-Large

University Libraries
Nancy Hunter  Libraries
Louise Feldmann  At-Large

Officers
Richard Eykholt  Chair, Faculty Council
Tim Gallagher  Vice Chair, Faculty Council
Dan Turk  BOG Faculty Representative
Diane Maybon  Executive Assistant/Secretary
Lola Fehr  Parliamentarian

Ex Officio Voting Members  (*Indicates Elected Member of Faculty Council)
Don Estep, Chair  Committee on Faculty Governance
Susan LaRue, Chair, Excused  Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics
Laurence Johnson, Chair  Committee on Libraries
David Greene, Chair  Committee on Responsibilities & Standing of Academic Faculty
Don Samelson, Chair  Committee on Scholarship Research and Graduate Education
Merinda McLure, Chair  Committee on Scholastic Standards
Sally Sutton, Chair  Committee on Strategic and Financial Planning
Margarita Lenk, Chair, Excused  Committee on Teaching and Learning
Patty Rettig, Chair  Committee on University Programs
Carole Makela, Chair*  University Curriculum Committee

Ex Officio Non-Voting Member
Torsten Eckstein, Chair  Advisory Committee on Special and Temporary Faculty
Ex-Officio Non-Elected Non-Voting Members

Anthony Frank, Excused         President
Rick Miranda, Excused         Provost/ExecutiveVice President
Brett Anderson               Vice President for Advancement
Mary Ontiveros               Vice President for Diversity
Lou Swanson                  Vice Provost for Engagement/Director of Extension
Robin Brown                  Vice President for Enrollment and Access
Peter Dorhout                Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs
Patrick Burns                Vice President for Information Technology/Dean Libraries
Jim Cooney                   Vice Provost for International Affairs
Tom Milligan                 Vice President Public Affairs
Bill Farland                 Vice President for Research
Blanche M. Hughes            Vice President for Student Affairs
Alan Lamborn                 Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs
Amy Parsons                  Vice President for University Operations
Craig Beyrouthy               Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences
Nancy Hartley                Interim Dean, College of Applied Human Sciences
Ajay Menon                   Executive Dean/Dean, College of Business
Sandra Woods                 Dean, College of Engineering
Ann Gill                     Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Jan Nerger                   Interim Dean, College of Natural Sciences
Lance Perryman               Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
Joyce Berry                  Dean, Warner College of Natural Resources
Jim Zakely for Courtney Butler Chair, Administrative Professional Council