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Faculty Council reviews proposed CU mission statement

Group also discusses regent guidance on nondiscrimination, presidential searches

Like the University of Colorado Board of Regents before them, the Faculty Council found it challenging to agree on the exact wording of the university's proposed mission statement during the group's monthly meeting last week.

The Board of Regents drafted the mission statement during its summer retreat, and has asked all of the university's governance groups to submit feedback before the board votes on adopting the statement in November.

The Faculty Council, which met in Denver on Sept. 24, raised several questions about language contained in the draft, and council Chair John McDowell agreed to ask the regents for clarification, specifically for use of the term "institution."

During their Sept. 16 meeting, regents discussed whether the statement should describe CU as a "multicampus" or "multi-institution" university, explained John Wyckoff, an associate professor of geography and environmental sciences, and chair of the UC Denver Faculty Assembly.

"What may seem trivial to one person may not be trivial to another," Wyckoff said.

The proposed mission statement currently reads: "The University of Colorado is a multi-institution public research university serving Colorado, the nation, and the world through leadership in high-quality education and professional training, public service, advancing research and knowledge, and state-of-the-art health care. Each of its institutions is established in the Colorado Constitution and has a distinct role and mission articulated in state statutes."

However, like the regents, members of the faculty governance group did not come up with easy answers to whether CU is an "institution" or "university," or whether it comprises multiple universities, multiple institutions or multiple campuses.

"If we want a mission statement, we want it to be clear. Whatever we're going to say, we just want to say it," said William Emery, an aerospace engineering professor at CU-Boulder.

Several faculty members questioned the use of the term "institution" to describe academic and research campuses that have unique missions, and expressed concern that the terminology was too vague and might be part of a formal effort to "institutionalize" CU.

Kathleen Bollard, associate vice president and academic affairs officer, noted that she was present during the regents' summer retreat. She assured council members that regents were only trying to agree on language that would fairly represent the entire CU system, and not focus strictly on the Boulder campus.

Roxanne Byrne, an associate professor of mathematics at UC Denver, agreed the regents seemed to be exercising flexibility with the language, and suggested that the statement in its current form might be the least offensive to the campuses.

In other business, the Faculty Council received updates from committee and campus faculty assembly chairs, and discussed drafts of regent laws guiding nondiscrimination and presidential searches.

Benson to speak to state finance group

President invited to Friday meeting of Long-Term Fiscal Stability Commission

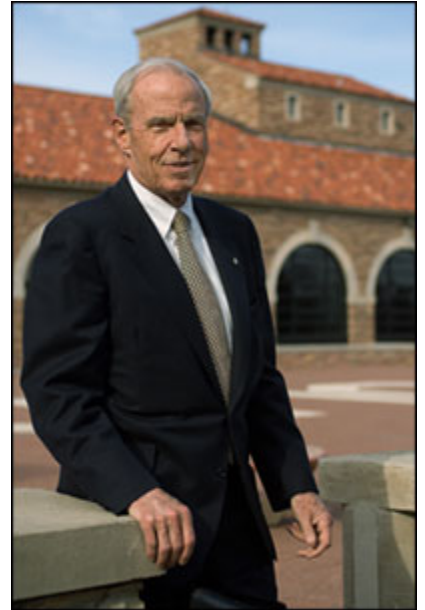
University of Colorado President Bruce Benson was invited to present to the state's Long-Term Fiscal Stability Commission, which will meet on Friday.

The commission, established by Gov. Bill Ritter, comprises legislators and other Coloradans with an interest in addressing the state's sometimes-conflicting budget provisions.

Benson was invited after a previous presenter to the commission, attorney Herb Fenster, suggested that CU could be privatized. Additionally, former CU President Hank Brown told the commission that the university could operate more efficiently if it could be free of some burdensome state red tape.

Benson said the invitation is an opportunity to share higher education's perspective.

"Our fiscal challenges are about more than CU, they are about our entire higher education system and its relation to the state's economic health," Benson said. "I look forward to the opportunity to let the commission know how we've been addressing the steady decline in state funding and, more important, how we can work together to ensure that CU and higher education can continue to be integral parts of our state's success."



University of Colorado Photo

CU President Bruce D. Benson

UC Denver vice chancellor leaving rich legacy

Berryman a force behind Anschutz Medical Campus

With her upcoming retirement, [Teresa Berryman](#) ends a 30-year association with the University of Colorado, and leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments.

The vice chancellor of administration and finance at the University of Colorado Denver will step down in late October. A reception honoring her will be from noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Tri-Visible Room, second floor, Research Building II on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

In a recent [communiqué](#), Chancellor M. Roy Wilson wrote, "Teresa will leave a large legacy at UC Denver. Possibly her greatest will be the Anschutz Medical Campus, where she has participated in nearly every major administrative policy decision affecting the campus."

Berryman began her CU career in 1979 as a student, earning a bachelor's degree in business with accounting and finance majors in 1981. Her past roles include accountant, internal auditor, director of internal audit and associate vice chancellor for finance and business.



Photo courtesy UC Denver

Berryman

Jeff Parker, associate vice chancellor for administration and finance, will serve as interim vice chancellor for administration and finance.

In her current post since 2002, Berryman manages an annual budget of more than \$1 billion and oversees many departments, including budget and operations.

"It's been a tremendous honor to have served the University of Colorado and UC Denver. The last decade has been transformative for UC Denver and it's a rare privilege to have been part of creating a new campus and a newly consolidated university that will benefit many generations of students and faculty," Berryman said. "While I will truly miss my good colleagues and so many that I am so fortunate to call a friend, I cannot resist the opportunity to spend more time with my family."

Leeds School will begin search for new dean

Ahlburg departing for Texas in January

With the upcoming departure of Dennis A. Ahlburg, Ph.D., dean of the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado at Boulder, the process of appointing a successor is expected to begin soon.

Ahlburg will leave the school to assume the presidency of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, on Jan. 1. The dean since August 2005, Ahlburg oversaw the growth of Leeds facilities, including the 2007 expansion and renovation of the Koelbel Building.

In a posting on [his blog](#), Ahlburg said he is grateful for the time he spent at the school. "I had the wonderful opportunity to work with many talented people who are incredibly passionate about Leeds and our students," he wrote.

CU-Boulder Provost Stein Sture is expected to appoint an interim replacement before initiating a search for a permanent dean.



Dennis A. Ahlburg, Ph.D.

News briefs

Conference connects environmental leaders in Boulder and beyond

Three concerns — restoring the environment, advocating social justice and promoting sustainability — converge at Colorado Bioneers, an annual conference set for Oct. 16-18 at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

[Bioneers](#) gathers scientific and environmental leaders who collaborate on problem solving. Billed as "visionary and practical solutions for restoring the Earth and people," the conference is in its 20th year overall. This is the seventh year for the companion Colorado event, co-presented by CU Boulder's [Environmental Center](#), Transition Colorado, CU's Continuing Education and Professional Studies, Denver's Blue and Yellow Logic, Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, and Woodbine Ecology Center.



Registration is \$20 per day, with discounts for educators, students and others. For more information and to register, go to <http://ecenter.colorado.edu/bioneers09>

Center for Humanities and Arts invites fellows to examine China

Some scholars say China shows the potential to be the most influential country in the 21st century. The Center for Humanities and the Arts (CHA) at the University of Colorado at Boulder has named "China" its theme for the 2010-2011 academic year, inviting all members of the CU community to take part in a conversation on the many forms "China" can take in our lives.

The CHA — which serves as a focal point for humanistic research, creative work and artistic performance at CU Boulder — will conduct a yearlong faculty and graduate student seminar, host a series of lectures and public performances and hold a Spring Colloquium.

Six faculty members and three graduate students will be chosen as CHA fellows for the year. For details on submitting applications, which are due in January, go to the [CHA Web site](#).

Faculty may tap into funding at Center for Asian Studies

The [Center for Asian Studies](#) at the University of Colorado at Boulder has announced several funding opportunities for faculty. The center's programs bring together people interested in the arts languages, history, religious traditions and other aspects of Asia.

Funding for events such as conferences and speakers, travel for research and conferences, and short-term student assistance is available. Deadlines for applicants occur throughout the year, with some set for October. For details, see the center Web site's [financial support](#) page.

Diversity and Inclusion Summit set for November

This year's Diversity and Inclusion Summit at the University of Colorado at Boulder is set for Nov. 2-3 at the University Memorial Center.

"Diversity: What's in it for Me?" will address common misperceptions about the definition of diversity and the role it plays in everyday life. The summit is part of the university's commitment to building a diverse and welcoming campus with a multicultural perspective.

For more information and updates on the event schedule, go to the Office of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement's [Web site](#).

People



Photo courtesy of the University of Colorado.

Bollard

Bollard elected chair of University Press of Colorado's Board of Trustees

Kathleen Bollard, associate vice president and academic affairs officer, was elected chair of the University Press of Colorado's board of trustees for 2009-10.

James Burkhart, associate dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs was elected vice-chair.

The [University Press of Colorado](#) is a nonprofit cooperative publishing enterprise founded in 1965 that is supported by several higher education institutions in the state, including CU, Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado. With a mission of enabling communication among scholars, the press publishes up to 35 new titles each year, aimed at providing Coloradans with books on the state's history, cultures and resources.



School of Medicine provides the face of Denver's 'Top Doctors'

That's a faculty member of the University of Colorado School of Medicine smiling back from the October cover of 5280 Magazine.

Mark Earnest, M.D., is the face of the publication's annual [Top Docs issue](#), one of the most popular of the year. Earnest is associate professor of medicine in the division of internal medicine and the director of the school's LEADS (Leadership Education and Advocacy Development) program.

Earnest is one of 190 full-time and clinical faculty members on this year's list of 283 metro-area physicians as voted on by other physicians. It's the second year in a row a faculty member of the school made the cover of the edition, which last year featured Jean Kutner, M.D.



Photos courtesy of the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Wakimoto (left) and Callahan (right).

Librarians honored for outstanding contributions

Jina Choi Wakimoto and **Meredith Rogers Callahan** were honored for their dedication to the University of Colorado at Boulder's [University Libraries](#).

Wakimoto, who began in 2005 as faculty director of the cataloguing department, won the Ralph E. Ellsworth Award for Excellence in Librarianship. The \$1,000 prize, established by the University Libraries in 1990, recognizes a faculty member for outstanding contributions to the library, the university and the profession.

Callahan won the Campbell Award for her 36 years of dedicated service to the libraries. Most recently, she served as Web master for Chinook. The annual award recognizes outstanding contributions to the libraries and also includes a \$1,000 prize.

The University Libraries system at CU-Boulder includes five branch libraries and is the largest library collection in the Rocky Mountain region, with more than 12 million books, periodicals and other materials.

Forum

New mission statement: making it count

The Regents are not alone in their inability to figure out how many institutions comprise the University of Colorado. That has been an amusing exercise since I've worked here. Why not let the number of chancellors determine the magic number? I count three.

This institutional confusion brings up that expensive branding study. I thought that was supposed to help guide the university in figuring out our identity.

In terms of the university's mission statement, naming a number is not important. But I would suggest changing "high-quality education and professional training" to "the highest-quality."

Barry Northrop

University of Colorado at Boulder

Fashion statement falls flat

It caught my eye in the sports section that the Buffs had commemorative jerseys and helmets (for the Wyoming game).

How much of the money that we don't have did this cost? We are all tightening our belts, some layoffs, some furloughs. Couldn't they have bought patches?

Diana Warren

University of Colorado Denver

[Forum Archive](#)

Letter Submission Guidelines

The *Faculty and Staff Newsletter* welcomes letter submissions from current or retired University of Colorado faculty and staff about issues of interest to the university community. Submissions may be edited for length, style and clarity. Anonymous submissions will be neither considered nor published. Please send submissions to newsletter@cu.edu.

Please indicate whether or not you would like to see your comment published in the newsletter as a letter to the editor. Thank you.

News from the CU system - CU-Boulder

Makeover leaves Arnett Hall in superior shape as 'green' building

Residence hall earns gold rating in LEED standards

Arnett Hall, the first residence hall on the University of Colorado at Boulder campus to become LEED certified, has received the gold rating in LEED standards issued by the United States Green Building Council.

LEED certification is a U.S. benchmark for "green" building design, construction, operation and maintenance.

"Arnett Hall now is significantly more energy and water efficient than an average, recently built building in this community," said Moe Tabrizi, campus energy conservation officer. Built in the 1960s, Arnett Hall underwent renovations in May 2008. Since then, the residence hall has had a 20 percent reduction in energy use and a 39 percent drop in water use.

"Green" renovations include the installation of insulation, double-pane windows, sensors that suspend heating and cooling systems when windows are opened, dual-flush toilets, low-flow showerheads, aerators on faucets, energy-efficient lighting with automatic controls and carpet and other finishes made from recycled materials.

Other CU residence hall renovations awaiting LEED certification include Andrews Hall, completed last month, and Buckingham Hall, with an expected completion date of August 2010.

News from the CU system - UCCS

Science and Engineering Building builds on accolades

Statewide award recognizes energy efficiency, architectural functionality

When it opened last month, the **Science and Engineering building** brought much-needed teaching and research laboratories, faculty offices and classrooms to the campus. It also brought prestigious honors from the Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES).

The society named the facility its building of the year in the category of institutional buildings. Annual winners are considered among the best examples of energy-efficient design and functional architecture in the state.

The LEED-certified (gold) building brings into a single facility the departments of biology, physics, mechanical and aerospace engineering, the Institute for Science and Space Studies, and the CU Institute for Bioenergetics.



Photo by UCCS/University Advancement

The Foucault pendulum was the center of attention when the Science and Engineering Building opened last month

For more on the building and the award, see the [CRES Web site](#).

News from the CU system - UC Denver

Grant to fund study of redeveloped schoolyards' impact on health of children

Learning Landscapes, Center for Human Nutrition will team with 24 Denver schools

If you build it, they will play. If they play, will they get healthier?

That's what researchers with the University of Colorado Denver and the University of Colorado School of Medicine will be studying, thanks to a \$3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

[Learning Landscapes](#), a program of the College of Architecture and Planning at UC Denver and the [Center for Human Nutrition](#) at the School of Medicine, will examine how Denver's redeveloped schoolyards, in combination with nutrition education, affect childhood activity levels and obesity rates.



Photo courtesy of Learning Landscapes

Student use of playgrounds like the one at Denver's McMeen Elementary School will be studied by CU researchers

The five-year grant will enable analysis at 24 Denver Public Schools (DPS) elementary playgrounds — half with newer Learning Landscapes playgrounds in place and half with older playground equipment and pea-gravel yards.

"So far, in small-scope evaluation of the landscapes that have been built at 48 Denver elementary schools, we found that the new play equipment and green spaces have influenced children's physical and creative activities," said Lois Brink, MLA, director of Learning Landscapes at UC Denver's College of Architecture and Planning and lead investigator on the study.

The grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development at the NIH will expand research into the effects of the landscapes on obesity by setting up interventions on physical activity arranged by gender, ethnicity and weight status. The study also will determine whether the interventions influence behavior change outside of school time.

"This grant will allow us to combine inventive nutrition education programs with innovative physical activity programs in an environment that facilitates learning and play," said James O. Hill, Ph.D., director of the Center for Human Nutrition at UC Denver. "This should be a real win for DPS students."

News from the CU system - Anschutz Medical Campus

Cancer Center scientists win \$870,000 ARRA Challenge Grant

Funding will boost search for indicators of head, neck cancer stem cells

University of Colorado Cancer Center (UCCC) scientists have been awarded a coveted American Recovery and Rehabilitation Act (ARRA) Challenge Grant to find indicators of head and neck cancer stem cells.

Xiao-Jing Wang, M.D., Ph.D.; Antonio Jimeno, M.D., Ph.D.; John Song, M.D.; and Stephen Malkoski, M.D., Ph.D. are the co-investigators on the grant, which will be funded at \$870,000 over two years. Of the 21,000 Challenge Grant applications considered by the National Institutes of Health, less than 3 percent will be funded with stimulus money. ARRA Challenge Grants were developed to move innovative, high-impact science from the laboratory to the clinic more quickly.

Many scientists believe most types of cancer are started by cancer stem cells. Cancer stem cells may make up less than 0.1 percent, or one in 1,000 cells, of a solid tumor's bulk, making them hard to find.



Xiao-Jing Wang, M.D., Ph.D.

"Scientists have identified markers for cancer stem cells in hematopoietic cancers and skin cancer, but head and neck cancer stem cells are significantly short of markers," said Wang, director of the UCCC Head and Neck Cancer Program, and a professor of pathology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. "If you know the marker, you can target it for treatment."

UCCC is the region's only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center. Headquartered on the Anschutz Medical Campus, the center is a consortium of three state universities (University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Colorado Denver and Colorado State University) and five institutions (University of Colorado Hospital, The Children's Hospital, Denver Health, Denver VA Medical Center and National Jewish Health).

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