

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2005

The Chair began with announcements concerning the President's Teaching Scholars deadline, course repetition, administrative streamlining, the residential college proposal, and the Chancellor's initiative to create 100 new faculty positions. Hauser solicited committee views on the academic program discontinuance policy which Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs Jeff Cox is moving through the system. After some discussion, Hauser agreed to take suggestions to Cox with the understanding the faculty aren't pleased with the policy as well as Bintliff's recommendation that one to two additional faculty members be added to the program panel.

Guest Ric Porreca spoke to the faculty about last year's budget and reported that the higher enrollment figures mean we could generate more tuition revenue than expected. Overall enrollment numbers are down from last year which was the plan but we've dropped about 600 non-resident students. Next year's incoming non-resident students will see an increase of about 5 percent in tuition and that rate will be guaranteed them for four years. Resident tuition rates are up 28 percent which is high although the hike is comparatively small compared to non-resident tuition. Porreca finds the differential tuition arrangement problematic as it may not be providing correct incentives and eliminating disincentives to graduation. Continuing to balance the budget on the backs of some small student subpopulations or subsets is not fair and we may see behavioral changes as a result of tuition changes.

If Referendum C passes and money comes to higher ed and if monies come to CU we wouldn't need tuition increases but Porreca stated he was not willing to bank on a high level of reinvestment in higher education. Irrespective of whether the measure fails CU needs to look at tuition policy. Referendum C is about state funding or 6.5% of our budget and it buys us something in the short term but does not resolve our tuition problem. Porreca said the Colorado system may have to readdress its organizational structures and ask questions whether there should be only one business school. Boulder campus could go in another direction and become a public authority or go private in order to serve its public mission in Colorado.

Carey presented a resolution to create a resource pool of faculty to participate in recruitment and hiring within the Athletic Department. Bintliff proposed a friendly amendment to read that the BFA is "the" appropriate body and not "the most appropriate." The NCAA requires a potential recruit meet faculty and currently athletics is conducting these interviews. The resolution comes from committee. Walker moved that the executive committee vote. The faculty were unanimously in favor of adding the resolution to the agenda for Thursday's BFA meeting.