FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT TO CURFA MEMBERS
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Because this meeting is a month earlier than usual, I have only two Faculty Council meetings to report on:

Faculty Council Meeting of January 24
1) A pair of bills has been introduced in the state legislature that would allow community colleges to offer not only 4-year undergraduate programs leading to a bachelor’s degree, but also graduate programs leading to a master’s degree.
2) A new APS (Administrative Policy Statement) authorizes 3-year appointments for non-tenure-track faculty who have a .5 time or greater appointment. This is in accordance with state law.
3) A Shared Governance Budget Task Force is being created to develop one or more 5-year alternate budget models, at least one of which would reflect zero levels of state funding. It will meet in the summer and/or fall with the goal of producing a report by the end of the year. This task force may include retirees as at-large members.
4) Jill Pollock, Vice President for Employee and Information Services, informed me that PBS has records of university life insurance payouts that would assist us in preparing our database of deceased faculty. She will help us to obtain these.

Faculty Council Meeting of February 28
1) The Office of Policy and Efficiency has been working for 5 years to reduce the number and size of APSs. In November, 2008, there were 210 APSs with a total of 650 pages. In January, 2013, there are 85 with 265 pages. Some of the deleted documents were 40 years old and out of date.
2) Cigna will no longer be our carrier after July 1. Rates for next year will be higher and should be announced by April. This was a CU administrative decision; the trust was not consulted.
3) Todd Saliman, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, made a presentation on strategic planning for the budget over the next 10 years. Some statistics:
   a) In FY 1990–91, 19% of the state budget went to higher education. It is now 8%.
   b) The budgetary high point in FY 2008–09 was $706 million. This year it is $543 million.
   c) 5.3% of CU’s budget comes from the state.
   d) Colorado ranks 48th in the nation for state support of higher education.

Farewell
This is my last report to you as your representative to Faculty Council. I will be leaving this job, which I have held for 9 years after the May meeting.