Report of the UCD liaison to the 19 March 2013 Meeting of the CURFA

1. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the constitutional amendment which, in 1973, established the University of Colorado at Denver as an independent campus.

To mark the event, Dan Howard, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, organized “The Road to Independence and Beyond,” a presentation of reminiscences by eight veteran faculty, three students, and a former Dean, that recounted the historical events and characteristics of the academic environment leading up to 1973. The event took place March 8 at the Lawrence Street Center and involved Rex Burns, Dick Dillon, Joel Edelstein, Suzy Helburn, myself (Wes LeMasurier) and Jim Wolf, as presenters, all members of CURFA. It was well attended and provided a marvelous occasion for old friends to meet and reminisce. A comprehensive formal document is being prepared, under the guidance of Dean Howard, to memorialize the history of the campus.

A second celebratory event is planned for early in the fall semester and will focus on the contribution of UCD to the metropolitan Denver environment. Plans are to involve the Mayor of Denver. More at the Fall meeting.

2. Groundbreaking took place 31 January for a new academic building at the corner of Speer and Larimer, CU Denver’s first owned and operated structure. It is to be a 5-story, 146,000-square-foot, $60.5 million structure scheduled for completion in August of 2014, and will include all student services.

Respectfully submitted,

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