SUMMARY OF THE 5/7/2012 MEETING OF THE CU-BOULDER ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Center for STEM Learning - Noah Finkelstein from Physics made a presentation on the proposed Center for STEM Learning. A large proposal will be submitted to the National Science Foundation this summer. Campus matching and new faculty lines in this area are expected. Departments will be provided with the opportunity to participate. CEERA is also expected to have the opportunity to be involved.

Status of Faculty and Staff Evaluations and Raises – Evaluations will be finalized the week of 5/7 and then raises from the algorithm will be distributed to the chairs for review the following week, with the final roster of raises due the week after that. The overall pool is 2%, which has to be met separately for faculty and exempt staff, and separately for positions on general funds and non-general funds.

Summer Plans – Rob will send out membership and charges to the Blue Ribbon Committees at the beginning of summer. One or two mini-retreats will be held in the latter part of summer, with content to include discussion and planning on recommendations from some of the Blue Ribbon Committees. For the committee on short-term space planning, it was suggested that more courses meet during the evenings and summer, with appropriate incentives. It was also noted that rebuilding of the Engineering Quad dorms represents an opportunity for our college.

ICJMT, ENVD and ATLAS – The ICJMT task force recommended a new College of Media, Design, and the Arts, which might include environmental design, art, communications, film, journalism, music, and theater. The proposal is being reviewed by the Provost, and it has encountered resistance. Responsibility for the environmental design (ENVD) major has been transferred from the Denver campus to the Boulder campus, with program faculty temporarily housed in the Graduate School – JoAnn Silverstein has been asked to lead it during the transition. ATLAS currently reports to the Provost, unlike other institutes. It has been proposed that it administratively report to the Graduate School (like other institutes) but that its academic programs and faculty be placed under our college. Jim Martin and others expressed support for this model as mutually beneficial, and of the possibilities it might afford for one or more new degrees in our college, such as in the area of information science.