This was an expanded Admin Council meeting with program directors invited to participate. The meeting started with brief introductions.

**College and Campus Updates:**
- New research grants through February (8 months) for FY13 is $52MM versus $73 MM for all of FY12. This is an excellent result given sequestration concerns.
- Student admission confirmations for Fall 2013 are 911, a significant increase versus last year. A 10-12% “melt” is expected. The quality and diversity metrics for this admitted group are also improved.
- The new graduate Materials and Science Engineering program has launched. This interdisciplinary program is expected to have 6 graduate students enrolled Fall 2013.
- The General Engineering Plus degree program received strong Regents support during its initial review. Final approval will be sought in June.
- The new Pre-engineering program is underway with 524 confirmed participants for Fall 2013. The students would have previously been offered acceptance into A&S as open option while they worked to fulfill requirements for admission into CEAS. Now, this Pre-engineering program will provide them with directed advising and exposure to the engineering curriculum in advance of admission to the College.
- Several capital projects are in the works. State funds have been received for completion of the shelled space in the Biotechnology Building. The College has received approval to move forward on plan to construct a Design Center in the old Fleming library space. The planning process for expanding female bathroom space in the office tower is underway, with construction expected in summer 2014.

**Global Engineering Strategy** – An updated international strategy was presented by Diane Sieber. The intent of the strategy is to produce “globally competent engineering graduates, who are equipped to work across cultures and, as a result, better identify opportunities, understand market foci, and successfully research and commercialize new technologies.” The key competencies of the global engineer were shared along with a prioritized action plan to address three student communities touched by the strategy, including:
- CU students studying or working abroad
- CU students remaining on campus
- International students studying at CU

Participants suggested MOOCs be considered as a relevant tool for students studying abroad to help them stay on sequence with their degree programs. The large population of international graduate students should also be considered as a resource for bringing an international culture to CEAS students as well as a population that would benefit from more intentional integration into the College. Consideration could also be given to offering an occasional technical elective in a foreign language.

**Diversity Update** – Updated trend data on enrollment, graduation rates, and grade point average performance metrics for the College was shared by Jackie Sullivan, with a focus on female and under-represented minorities. Significant improvements across all metrics were celebrated. The current climate in high schools highlights the need for a highly personalized recruiting approach; a recent national study shows a preference of high-school females for a general engineering degree over any discipline-based engineering major, and a declining interest of high-school women for engineering versus a variety of science fields. An update on the Engineering GoldShirt Program shows a 90% retention rate into the second year and stronger academic performance of the most recent cohort. The
positive impact of math workgroups and tutoring in the Student Success Center on student math performance and retention was acknowledged.

**Admin Council Members In attendance:** Rob Davis, Penny Axelrad, Keith Molenaar, Michael Lightner, Jim Martin, Victor Bright, Jackie Sullivan, JoAnn Zelasko, Dan Schwartz, Diane Sieber, John Bennett, Carin Knickel, Kurt Maute and Mary Steiner.

Others in attendance included Amanda Parker, Beverly Louie, Courtney Staufer, Derek Reamon, Lelei Finau-Starkey, Jana Milford, Jeff Luftig, Jessica Wright, LaRuth McAfee, Leland Giovannelli, Lynn Melms, Melinda Seevers, Scot Douglass, Stephanie Preo, Tanya Ennis, Terry Mayes and Wayne Ambler.