

Senate Minutes: CUSOM Faculty Senate – 4/14/26

- March Minutes Approval → passed

President's Updates – Dr. Elizabeth Kudron, Faculty Senate President

- Senate Issue Submission:
 - Requested clarification of “Top 10 in 10” initiative
 - Encouraged continued work with Department leadership on how to achieve Top 10 in 10 and what that means for individual departments in collaboration with the Dean.

Deans' Office Updates –

- Dr. Shanta Zimmer, Executive Vice Dean for Education
 - Surgery and Cancer Center searches planning on virtual interviews in May with potential campus visits late May or early June.
 - Discussed the creation of working groups on AI initiatives as a campus effort with administrative, staff, research, education, and clinical focuses as a coordinated approach, collaborating with consultant firm
- Dr. Vineet Chopra, Interim Executive Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, Quality, and Research Operations
 - Answered a question regarding changes to gift funds recently announced by Chancellor's Office due to challenges with raising funds (NIH, State)
 - Percentage taken out of (philanthropy 5%), in line with national campuses. Hoping for clarity on other specific funds (startup, etc) by 7/1/26
 - Campus wide infrastructure improvement projects ongoing and in need of support/investment
- Dr. Miriam Post, Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs
 - F3 (SOM initiative to consolidate data bases into unified collaboration)
 - Promotion 101 seminars ongoing

CU School of Medicine Faculty Senate Composition Conversation: Dr. Elizabeth Kudron, Faculty Senate President

- Review of current model, strengths, and potential concerns
 - Each department must have at least 1 Senator. 1 senator per 40 faculty members, ¼ Basic Science
- Options presented also included a true senate with equal representation regardless of size or a hybrid but slightly smaller senate
- Hybrid model presented: 2 senators per department; basic science departments get 1 additional senator; departments get an additional 1 senator per 100 faculty members, max 5 senators per department
- Reviewed length of term issues for secretary and president-elect
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee will review comments from breakout rooms to coordinate a plan

