

Senate Snippets: Summary and Action Items from the Proceedings of the CUSOM Faculty Senate – 5/12/26

April Minutes Approval → Passed

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

- Review of Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting:
 - Dean's update included working on funding structure and organizational reporting for centers/institutes on campus, legal battles regarding gender affirming care, and CU's purchase of the Benson Hotel
 - Dr. Post's updates regarding ongoing work for standardizing promotion from instructor to senior instructor/assistant professor across departments

Faculty Assembly Updates – Dr. Tyler Anstett, Faculty Senate Past President

- Call for representatives for two eight-week working groups
 - Collective Bargaining charged to advise CU faculty leadership and the Regents on collective bargaining
 - AI charged to advise CU faculty leadership and the Regents on generative-AI issues
- Anschutz AI Campus workforce (One of Five Pillars)
 - Dr. Laura Borgelt (Provost and Executive Vice Chair of Academic Affairs) and Chris Smith (Chief Information Officer and Vice Chair of Information Strategy and Services)
- Budget Update – Last update prior to 1982 (unclear actual time frame) and has not kept up with current needs
 - Changing taxes for each school to maintain viability of the entire campus
 - SOM (F&A increasing, but so is tax on academic enrichment funds)

Deans' Office Updates – Dr. Shanta Zimmer, Executive Vice Dean for Education

- Awareness of Dean Sampson's absence postoperatively should not delay progress (even with searches)
- Surgery and Cancer Center searches have 4 candidates for each coming to campus during May and June
- Anschutz AI Campus workforce (Five Pillars)
 - 10-12 members (SOM representative = Dr. Matt Zuckerman) 1 or 2 representatives from each School/College
- CME Office Closure: Ongoing Concerns
 - Will close Dec 31st, 2026; not an easy or quick decision
 - Oversight since 2022 with COI and burden of review for compliance was quite onerous (no enthusiasm from Vice Chairs of Education for the departments), and significant budget deficit
- Question about Education Funds Flow GME
 - Increase from current and will meet ACGME requirements and AAMC standards for compensation/time
 - Waiting on MOU on fringe rates from affiliate hospitals to departments prior to final proposal

Proposal Votes: Dr. Elizabeth Kudron, Faculty Senate President

1. Psychiatry department's proposal to rename and create divisions (passed)
 - a. 48 yes (92%), 1 no (2%), 3 abstain (6%)

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Vote: Psychiatry Division Renaming & Creation

Department of Psychiatry		
	Original Names	Current Division Names
1.	Division of Clinical Psychiatry	Division of Adult Psychiatry
2.	Division of Clinical Psychology	Division of Child and Adolescent Mental Health
3.	N/A - New	Division of Community, Population, and Public Mental Health
4.	Division of Substance Dependence	Division of Addiction Science, Prevention, and Treatment
5.	Division of Psychiatric Research and Research Training	Division of Neuroscience

- **Vote: Do you support the Psychiatry department's proposal to rename and create divisions?**

- 2. New Hybrid Senate Model (Passed)
 - 2 senators per department
 - Basic science departments get 1 additional senator
 - Departments get an additional 1 senator per 100 faculty members with a max 5 senators per department
 - Retains/maintains 25% basic science and reduces senate from 98 to 80
 - No alternate senators
 - a. 39 yes (78%), 6 no (10%), 5 abstain (12%)
- 3. Do you support a temporary modification to the CU SOM rules to waive the requirement for alternating basic science and clinical departments for the position of president-elect? (Passed)
 - a. 49 yes (94%), 2 no (4%), 1 abstain (1%)
- 4. Do you support a temporary modification to the CU SOM rules to waive the prohibition on Secretary serving multiple consecutive terms? (Passed)
 - a. 50 yes (96%), 1 no (2%), 2 abstain (2%)

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