Conference on Money and the First Amendment: keynote[1]

In Citizens United, the Supreme Court ruled that the First Amendment permits campaign contribution limits in order to prevent “corruption” or its appearance, but forbids limits on independent spending from general treasury funds by corporations and unions. Many questions have been raised following this ruling. Are the Court’s definitions of “corruption” and its “appearance” too narrow? What role is played by the rhetoric of corruption in the electoral process? Should the Court recognize political equality as a rationale for regulation? How has the influx of money affected political advertising? What sort of disclosure announcements work best to inform citizens about spending? This conference brings together political scientists, lawyers, and philosophers to address these questions and many more. Please join us for the conversation.“The First Amendment After Citizens United”

Keynote address, “The First Amendment After Citizens United,” to be presented by Jeffrey Rosen, President and CEO, The National Constitution Center; Professor of Law, Georgetown University; Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; Contributing editor, The Atlantic

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Conference continues through April 16. For more information and the conference schedule visit http://www.colorado.edu/keller/events[2]

Emeritus profs Bock, Norris use plant science to help solve murders[3]

Regents unanimously approve faculty, staff salary increases[4]

The University of Colorado Board of Regents on Wednesday unanimously approved a base-building 2 percent salary pool for CU-Boulder, CU Colorado Springs and CU Anschutz Medical Campus employees, a 1.77 percent pool for system employees, and a non-base-building 2 percent pool for CU Denver.

The regents gave their initial approval to the budget plan during Wednesday’s meeting at CU Denver. Final approval will come in June, after the state budget is approved.

“CU Denver’s budget didn’t have room to accommodate an ongoing increase,” said Todd Saliman, vice president and CFO.

The CU Denver merit-pool salaries are to be divvied up at the discretion of the department leadership in a time frame yet to be determined (such as monthly, a one-time payment or quarterly). Compensation for CU Denver employees would be based on their 2015-16 salary when considering pay increases for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

The approved increases will add about $23.6 million to university’s 2016-17 budget, Saliman said.

State budget update: What a difference two months can make. When the CU Board of Regents met in February, Todd Saliman, vice president and CEO of Budget and Finance, told the board to brace for a possible $20 million state funding cut for higher education – $4 million in cuts to CU – for fiscal year 2016-17. By this week’s board meeting at CU Denver, things were looking up.

“The budget (was being debated Wednesday) in the Senate. No one is proposing reductions to higher education, so we’re very grateful,” Saliman said. Instead, the proposed budget now could mean an increase in funding for the next

academic year. “The way the new formula works, when the state budget is flat, CU still gets a little bit of an increase, so $1.8 million. We appreciate (the Joint Budget Committee) making that a priority.”

The proposed budget also means an additional $1.4 million to CU system financial aid, based on the Colorado Commission on Higher Education formula.

Proposed campuswide budgets range from a 4.8 percent increase at CU-Boulder to a 1.2 percent decrease at CU Denver. Saliman explained cuts to the CU Denver budget came in the wake of a $6.7 million deficit for 2015-16.

“There are pretty significant reductions; they are base reductions,” Saliman said. “At the same time, they’re increasing spending in several areas where there are opportunities for growth. This is Denver working to try to take advantage of programs that are very appealing.”

Regent Linda Shoemaker, D-Boulder, said she was disturbed by the $6.7 million shortfall.

“It’s a huge budget deficit that you have here,” she said. “You’re using a lot of one-time monies to fill in here. What kind of plan do you have for the future and how are you going to go forward?”

CU Denver Chancellor Dorothy Horrell explained that a decrease in nonresident enrollment – especially international students – triggered the deficit.

“This is really driven by populations by international students from two countries, China and Brazil. We had a decline of about 200 international students,” she said.

CU Denver also is taking a closer look at where international students are coming from and is looking into expanding its presence in the Gulf and South America, she said. The campus also will no longer include projected tuition dollars from international students in its budget.

Proposed CU Denver cuts include:
Enrollment Contingency: $2 million Capital Plan: $1 million Tuition Buy Down: $1.4 million School/Administrative cuts $2.6 million
The board will vote on the systemwide budget at its June meeting when the final numbers are presented. The budget presentation can be found here[5]; the extended budget proposal can be found here[6].

Complete Board of Regents meeting coverage[7]

Modest tuition increases include new four-year guarantee at CU-Boulder[8]

The Board of Regents on Wednesday approved tuition rates for the 2016-17 academic year, including a new commitment to guarantee rates for resident undergraduates at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Beginning fall semester 2016 and fall semester 2017, incoming freshmen at CU-Boulder will see a one-time increase of up to 5 percent in their tuition and mandatory fees, which will then remain locked for four years. Incoming freshmen in the fall of 2018 and 2019 will see a one-time increase of up to 4 percent in their tuition and mandatory fees, which will then remain locked at that rate for four years.

The board’s vote also approved administration-recommended increases in tuition and mandatory fees at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (4.61 percent), the University of Colorado Denver (3.38 percent lower division, .19 percent upper division) and the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (4.77 percent for undergraduate

nursing).

The percentage increases across CU's four campuses are expected to be among the lowest in the state for the next fiscal year. The university strives to set tuition rates as early in the year as possible in order to better help Colorado families and students with advance financial planning.

Meeting at CU Denver, the board voted 7-2, with Regents Glen Gallegos and Stephen Ludwig opposing.

"We are working hard to create predictability for students and parents, as well as for the campus administration to allow them to know what they will have to work with on more than a year-by-year basis," said Regent Steve Bosley.

The regents approved the new tuition model at CU-Boulder to address resident tuition and mandatory fee increases for the next four years. The campus already has in place a guaranteed tuition plan for nonresident students.

Each entering freshman class will see a one-time increase in tuition and mandatory fees with a lock on that tuition and fees for the next four years. If the student takes an additional year to finish, the tuition rate for the fifth year would increase to the level of tuition and mandatory fees that the following freshman class of that student's class is paying.

Resident sophomores and juniors in 2016-2017 will also benefit from this new model. They will receive the one-time increase in tuition and mandatory fees that the freshman will receive along with the guarantee of no change for four years.

Two members of the CU Student Government (CUSG) finance board, Wyatt Ryder and Haelena Bondi-Camacho, appeared at the meeting to endorse the 5 percent guarantee plan. The board had also been considering an alternative that would have committed to a 3 percent tuition increase that would not have been guaranteed in subsequent years.

"We think the guarantee is the best option for students and their families because it provides for planning and stability," said Ryder, chair of the CUSG finance board. He said the CUSG voted unanimously in favor of the guarantee plan.

New vice chancellor on a mission for CU South Denver[9]

Luella Chavez D'Angelo used to drive past the Liniger Building at CU South Denver, not quite sure what to make of the only visual cue of the University of Colorado's presence, a vinyl banner.

"It looked like CU was squatting in the building," she said. Now that she works there – as vice chancellor for enterprise development – she's leading the charge for permanent signage, with a goal of having it in place within the next two months.

Boosting CU South Denver – outside and within – is Chavez D'Angelo's mission. After two months on the job, she appeared before the CU Board of Regents during Wednesday's meeting at CU Denver and provided an update on the facility[10]. Formerly The Wildlife Experience, the $40 million gift of the facility in Douglas County from Dave and Gail Liniger and their family was made in September 2014.

"What I've seen 60 days in is, we haven't had a full-on leadership view on CU South Denver. We do now," Chavez D'Angelo said. "We have not had an inspired, engaged CU workforce in the building and I believe we're turning that around."

Regent Stephen Ludwig asked Chavez D'Angelo what the board can do for the CU South Denver mission.

"I need your contacts," she replied. "And I want to host you, the regents, again – with the community – for them to see

this is a priority for you, the board."

Her presentation stressed growth in the south metro area and an established market with high need for educated talent.

The number of classes held at CU South Denver grew from 16 in Fall 2014 to 25 in Fall 2015; the student headcount (233 in Fall 2015) and course enrollments (587 in Fall 2015) roughly doubled over that time. Fall 2015 also saw the first time all four CU campuses were represented in academic offerings.

"I need more schools and colleges," Chavez D'Angelo said, noting that eight were represented in Fall 2015.

CU continues to manage the museum and program offerings that began with The Wildlife Experience.

"For some reason, marketing had come to a halt in the last six months. What happens now is, we need to reactivate it," she said.

Still, some 112,000 visitors have visited the CU South Denver museum or attended an event; the location produced exhibits and programs in collaboration with the CU-Boulder Museum of Natural History, the CU-Boulder Art Museum, CU Denver College of Arts and Media, and faculty from CU Denver, CU-Boulder, UCCS and CU Anschutz.

"Yes, there are challenges. … We need a CU enterprise-wide, shared vision," she said. "We have to be on the same page. My senior team and I have already started that planning.

"We have to actually be strategic and we have to be consistent. That's my goal."

Regents roundup: Tenure award, new degree approval, more[11]

At its April 5-6 meeting at the University of Colorado Denver, the CU Board of Regents approved one award of tenure.

The faculty member is:

University of Colorado Boulder
Francisca Antman, Economics, College of Arts and Sciences, effective Aug. 15.
In other business at the meeting:
The board approved a new master's degree in computational linguistics, analytics, search and informatics at CU-Boulder. Read more.[12] The board approved midpoint revisions to the 2012-20 strategic plan for UCCS. Read more.[13] The board postponed a vote on updated institutional student fee plans for UCCS, CU Denver and the CU Anschutz Medical Campus until the board's June meeting. The board approved student fee proposals for 2016-17[14] in a 7-2 vote, with Regents John Carson and Stephen Ludwig opposing. The appointment of April Jones to the University of Colorado Hospital Authority Board was approved. The term contract for CU-Boulder head women's basketball coach Ali-Marie (JR) Payne was approved.

Monetary incentives for healthy behavior can pay off, says CU study[15]

Journey to space began at CU[16]

Mountain lion finds new home on El Pomar Plaza[17]

Disaster plans often neglect preservation[18]

Office of Advancement launches new website[19]

Call for applications: Chancellor's Award for Excellence in STEM Education [20]

Erwin named interim Chief Human Resources Officer[21]

Dean Marc Ingber announces intent to step down as dean[22]

Marinus Smith awardees honored for making a difference[23]

Shakespeare Celebration & Sonnet Extravaganza[24]

The English Department and Shakespeare 400: The First Folio at CU-Boulder are teaming up to throw a party for Shakespeare and for those of us who study, admire and enjoy the bounty of his literary genius!

Celebrate the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's life with a sonnet-writing competition, a sonnet-reading marathon, a display of student projects, and an exhibit of Shakespeare materials in Norlin's Special Collections, as well as music, treats, and lots more!

Come and celebrate the Bard! Find out more below:

Sonnet-writing contest: Feel like channeling Shakespeare? Here's your chance. Submit your award-winning sonnet in two different categories — traditional and interpretive verse. Details[25].
Sonnet-reading marathon: If you have a favorite sonnet that you'd like to read, come to the Celebration on April 8 at 2pm to sign up. Or, come when you can and jump in line! We'll begin the reading at 2:15, with Sonnet 1, "From fairest creatures we desire increase," and continue on through the sonnets. You must be present when we reach your sonnet in order to read it!

This celebration is co-hosted with Shakespeare 400: The First Folio at CU-Boulder.

More info: http://english.colorado.edu/shakespeare-celebration-sonnet-extravaganza/[26]

Faculty awarded grants for research projects[27]

Tuesday Tucks Me In: A Look at Hidden Disabilities[28]

The event promises to be an exhilarating and educational look at hidden disability through one man's (and his service dog's) perspective.

The Auraria Student Council for Exceptional Children invites you to hear Captain Luis Carlos Montalván, an international award-winning New York Times bestselling author, speaker, and advocate. Tuesday is his beloved service dog and recipient of the American Kennel Club Award for Canine Excellence. A 17-year veteran of the Army, Captain Montalván served multiple tours abroad and was decorated with numerous awards including two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, and the Combat Action Badge.

This event is sponsored by the Auraria Student Council for Exceptional Children and funded in part by a grant from the Office of Diversity Initiatives and Inclusion.

$10 suggested donation; money raised will support scholarships to conferences and future professional development events.

We will also have both of his books, Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him, and Tuesday Tucks Me In, for sale at the event.

Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak kicks off Conference on World Affairs at CU-Boulder[29]

Springs cyber center takes shape[30]

CU Denver studying glacier changes in Patagonia[31]

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