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[CU Denver names NSF Chief Science Officer Karen A. Marrongelle Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs](#) ^[2]

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[Kraemer Family Library display honors UCCS Police Department and Officer Swasey](#) ^[4]

[CU officially kicks off Strategic Plan 2.0](#)^[5]

President Todd Saliman on Wednesday delivered his charge to the Strategic Planning Working Group, officially kicking off the process of crafting CU Strategic Plan 2.0, the next iteration of the university's systemwide strategic plan.

The [Strategic Planning Working Group](#)^[6] – led by co-chairs Dr. Lynn Vidler, provost at UCCS, and Chad Marturano, vice president and chief financial officer for the CU system – consists of faculty, staff and administrators from all four campuses and CU system. The systemwide group is tasked with developing a plan that will align with CU's mission and vision and guide the university's growth and success in the years ahead.

In delivering his charge to the working group, Saliman urged members to “think big” about CU's future. He shared the thematic areas that emerged in discussions with the Board of Regents at its July 2024 retreat about the next wave of strategic planning. The primary themes include connecting deeply to the state of Colorado; leading and aspiring to excellence; serving all of Colorado's communities; making bold choices, remaining nimble and prioritizing well; and preparing students to build a healthy and competitive future for Colorado and the nation.

Saliman expressed his gratitude to the Strategic Planning Working Group members for their service and asked them to deliver a final draft plan “that is thoughtful and ready for implementation with clear pathways for accountability and evaluation” by June 2026. The final Strategic Plan 2.0 will be presented to the Board of Regents at its July 2026 retreat. CU's inaugural 2021-2026 Strategic Plan remains the university's guiding document through June 2026.

The Strategic Planning Working Group will meet regularly, beginning this fall, to discuss key priorities and gather input from the broader university community. Stay tuned for information about upcoming opportunities to participate in the planning process. You can provide feedback and learn more about the strategic planning process by visiting the CU Strategic Plan 2.0 [website](#)^[7].

[Federal transition update: NSF F&A Rate Cap, DOE F&A Rate Cap, more](#)^[8]

From May 9, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on the NSF F&A Rate Cap, DOE F&A Rate Cap, NSF Plans to Eliminate Divisions, Executive Order “Improving the Safety and Security of Biological Research,” HHS DCL Regarding Nondiscrimination Requirements for Medical Schools, New Guidance from

NIH on No-Cost Extensions and Foreign Subawards, EPA Announcement of Reorganization, Colorado Joining HHS Cutbacks Lawsuit, and DOJ Lawsuit to Block Colorado Sanctuary Laws.

[Click here to read the post.](#)^[9]

For the latest communications and federal memos, please visit the [CU System Federal Transitions Updates](#)^[10] page.

[CU Connections shifting to summer publication schedule](#)^[11]

CU Connections will begin its summer schedule after the May 29 issue, shifting to biweekly publication.

New issues are scheduled for publication on the following dates (subject to change):

June 12 June 26 July 10 July 24 Aug. 7

Weekly publication will resume with the Aug. 21 issue.

Throughout the season, the site will be updated with news should events warrant.

If you have a news item or story suggestion you'd like to pass along, please send to newsletter@cu.edu^[12]. To be considered for publication, submissions are due by noon Friday prior to the following week's issue.

[Evans named vice chancellor for strategic enrollment and student success](#) ^[13]

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