Watch: New videos capture Staff Councils' advocacy in action[1]

The University of Colorado Staff Council[2] (UCSC) has launched a new series of brief videos highlighting the important work being done by shared governance groups across the CU system.

Staff Councils at CU Boulder, UCCS, CU Denver, CU Anschutz and system administration are composed of elected representatives. Councils work in partnership with university leadership to advocate for staff interests and foster a culture of shared governance.

Beyond advocacy, Staff Councils also lead initiatives that build community: Food drives, blood drives, staff appreciation events, and outreach and volunteer opportunities help connect campuses with the broader Colorado community.

Each of the new videos offers a glimpse into how Staff Councils support and represent University Staff and Classified Staff, championing issues such as pay, benefits, working conditions and professional development.

Along with testimonials from council members and leaders, each video features remarks by President Todd Saliman, who commends the important work of Staff Councils and their role in shared governance across the CU system.

To learn more about each campus's Staff Council, including how to get involved at your campus, visit the websites below. Each site includes a link to its campus video.

CU Boulder: https://www.colorado.edu/staffcouncil/[3]

UCCS: https://staff.uccs.edu/[4]

CU Denver: https://www.ucdenver.edu/faculty-staff/staff-council[5]

CU Anschutz: https://www.cuanschutz.edu/offices/staff-council[6]

How veterans use art to focus on healing, recovery[7]

As Americans this week marked Veterans Day, the CU community furthered its support for past and present service members by carrying out the university's mission. From advancing health care and education to fostering community and belonging, CU's commitment to veterans and active-duty service members is carried out across all four campuses.

For one, consider CU Anschutz, where the Marcus Institute for Brain Health (MIBH)[8] stands as a national leader in treating traumatic brain injuries sustained by veterans, active-duty service members and first responders. Its on-site, interdisciplinary team of specialists provides world-class care, helping those in need heal from the invisible wounds of combat and service.

For many, that journey takes an unexpected turn through art. Under the guidance of art therapist Gayla Elliott[9], patients who may have dismissed creative expression as incompatible with the warrior mindset discover a new way to process and transform their experiences. What begins as skepticism often becomes revelation, as each brushstroke helps unlock emotion, reflection and recovery beyond the blank canvas.

To learn how veterans at CU Anschutz are finding new ways to heal, and how Elliott is helping them turn pain into purpose, explore the long-form story "Reverent Process"[10] by Javan Bair, community engagement specialist at the MIBH. The piece features veterans who found transformation through art.

Click here to learn more about the Marcus Institute for Brain Health.[8]

Colorado Combined Campaign: Your chance to give back [11]

Review and act on these important 2025 year-end tasks [12]

Regents roundup: New CU Boulder student housing, remembering Regent Emeritus Norwood Robb, more[13]

The CU Board of Regents last week approved plans enabling new CU Boulder student housing, a critical strategic investment in student success, affordability and sustainability.

The approval from the board, which voted during its Nov. 6 meeting at UCCS, allows CU Boulder to enter into a public-private partnership with developer Morgan Stone Everett to construct suite- and apartment-style student housing near the intersection of Colorado Avenue and Regent Drive.

Construction on the project, which is expected to house about 1,650 students, could begin as soon as summer 2026, with a targeted opening in fall 2028.

Read more in CU Boulder Today.[14]

Regents also voted to approve the launch of a bachelor of science in Integrated Business and Engineering (IBE) degree program jointly developed by the Leeds School of Business and the College of Engineering and Applied Science at CU Boulder. Blending engineering's analytical power with business' strategic insight, the program will produce graduates equipped to lead, innovate and thrive in a rapidly changing, technology-driven world.

Read more at the Leeds website.[15]

Regent Emeritus Norwood "Robby" Robb was honored with the board's passage of a resolution in memoriam. Robb died Aug. 22, 2025, at age 89. Robb, a Colorado Springs native, won election to the board in 1984 and served three terms. During his 18 years representing the 6th Congressional District, he was elected board chair twice and vice chair twice.

Read the full resolution here.[16]

The Board of Regents voted to approve this year's slate of CU Distinguished Professors.[17] The seven honorees – Kristen Carpenter, J.D.; Russell Cropanzano, Ph.D.; Marcia Douglas, Ph.D.; Noah Finkelstein, Ph.D.; Karl Linden, Ph.D.; Jade Morton, Ph.D.; and Marc Moss, M.D. – will be formally recognized at board meetings in 2026.

The board's next regular meeting is at its mid-winter retreat, scheduled for Jan. 15, 2026.

Regents complete review, approval of recommendations to laws and policies[18]

The Board of Regents on Nov. 6 completed the scheduled review and approved revisions to the following laws and

policies:
Article 2.A.5: Chair and Vice Chair Policy 2.C.1: Committee Governing Principles Policy 3.F: Evaluations for Officers of the University and Officers of the Administration Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability
Also at the board's Nov. 6 meeting, regents completed the scheduled review and approved recommendations of no changes for the following laws and policies:
Article 1, Part C: University of Colorado Policy Framework Article 2, Part C: University Seal
These laws and policies were scheduled for review as part of the Board of Regents' five-year review schedule[19] for regent laws and policies.

For a more detailed summary of the changes provided in the policy justifications and redline drafts, go to https://www.cu.edu/regents/rlpreview#tabs-2[20].

Tenure list: November 2025[21]

The CU Board of Regents on Nov. 6 approved three tenure appointments.

CU Boulder

Effective Jan. 2, 2026

Appointment with tenure:
Matthew Eichenfield, Professor, Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering (ECEE), College of Engineering and Applied Science
CU Denver

Effective Nov. 6, 2025

Appointments with tenure:
Karen A. Marrongelle, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **Jodi Shepherd,** Auraria Library

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Philosophy Department pioneers CU Denver's first AI ethics course [24]

State of the Campus 2025: A unified vision in uncertain times[25]

Federal update: Government shutdown, PSLF lawsuit, more[26]

From Nov. 7, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on the Federal Government Shutdown, PSLF Lawsuit, and CU Comments on SEVIS Changes.

Click here to read the post.[27]

For the latest communications and federal memos, please visit the CU System Federal Updates and Actions[28] page.

Guntupalli named chair of CU Anschutz Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology[29]

Littleton secures $1.2M grant to advance PTSD prevention[30]

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