Staff Council lists goals, invites involvement[1]

The University of Colorado Staff Council's[2] (UCSC) priorities for the year stress advocacy, communication and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI).

The systemwide shared governance group compiled its list of emphasized topics after 17 members gathered for the group's August retreat in Breckenridge (three more took part via Zoom).

The 2021-22 goals listed by UCSC are:
Be the model for the campus councils and admins by ensuring a DEI perspective with communications, actions, etc. Build trusted advocacy; increase presence through transparent communication Understand and translate how each campus works together, and what future opportunities for collaboration are available Highlight the value of staff, and work to find opportunities for advocacy and partnership for improving staff morale and retention Elevate and protect staff involvement with shared governance across the system
"Our goals are more like the values of the University of Colorado Staff Council," said UCSC member Chelsie Fleischer. "Development of the goals helps us facilitate action items throughout the year, both at the committee level and as a larger council."

UCSC Chair Ryan Untisz said the group encourages input from staff members throughout the year, and welcomes involvement with the council's efforts.

The council plans to promote quarterly communication updates to share progress toward the goals.

UCSC serves as the university-wide representative body for communicating matters of interest to classified staff and university employees to CU administration and the Board of Regents.

To learn more about Staff Council activities and meetings, go to https://www.cu.edu/ucsc[2].

Regents seek nominations for presidential search committee[3]

The University of Colorado Board of Regents has issued a call for nominations to the search committee that will work to find the institution's next president.

The board is seeking nominations for individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

The committee will include four members of the broader Colorado community to serve alongside CU faculty, staff, students and alumni in an inclusive and transparent search process. Community members will serve on the committee in a nonpartisan role.

Regent Lesley Smith is chairing the committee.

The process for applying to serve on the committee opened Wednesday and continues through Oct. 21. Those who wish to apply must complete and submit a web-based application form[4] no later than Oct. 21.

The board plans to make final selections to the committee by mid-November.

Serving on the committee can be a substantial time commitment.

The search is expected to begin in early December and proceed through the spring. The search committee will recommend candidates for the presidency to the Board of Regents, which will make the final selection.

The presidential search is guided by Regent Policy 3-C[5], which details the makeup of the committee and its activities.

The board also has published a website[6] that provides the broad context for the search.

Questions can be directed to presidentialsearch@cu.edu[7].

Faculty Council Committee Corner: Communications[8]
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The Faculty Council Communications Committee (FC3) is charged with considering matters of communication relevant to faculty at CU, such as providing guidance related to strategies and approaches for communicating with faculty in an inclusive and equitable way; inviting greater and more diverse participation in the shared governance process; and fostering a culture of equity and inclusion, among others responsibilities.

For the full committee charge, please see the CU Faculty Council website[10].

Although relatively new, our committee has been very active in searching for new ways to provide open and inclusive communication across the CU campuses and to identify and implement ways to promote shared governance at CU.

For example, in the last three years, the committee has created several university-wide communication vehicles, including the two regular features in CU Connections, Committee Corner[11], which highlights the work of the CU Faculty Council's committees (next up, the newly formed (Dis)ability and Access Committee), and Faculty Voices[12], a space for faculty commentary on a range of topics. Please consider submitting your proposal for a Faculty Voices article[13]. Both these article series have become regular staples and well-read features in CU Connections in the past few years.

Our committee also has recently created and launched the new CU Faculty Guide[14], a one-stop shop for the most important and regularly used resources by faculty across the four CU campuses. We envisioned this guide as a helpful (though not comprehensive) collection of materials most commonly of interest to faculty, but also as a living document. As such, we welcome ongoing feedback[15] and suggestions to help us make this a truly useful tool for faculty.

Our committee also is launching the first digital newsletter of the Faculty Council, coming in October. Currently slated to go out to all CU faculty once a semester, the Faculty Council Newsletter is a way to keep faculty informed on past, current and upcoming work and initiatives of the council, what implications they may have for you, and what you can do to get involved.

Finally, as this year's CU presidential search unfolds, our committee will monitor the need for additional communications to faculty, as necessary. Meanwhile, visit the presidential search website[6], recently launched by the Board of Regents, to learn more about the job description and search process, and to provide input and feedback.

Below is a list of our current committee members. To fully represent all four campuses, we would like to welcome more members from CU Denver, CU Anschutz and UCCS. Please contact our committee's Co-Chairs Carrie Makarewicz (carrie.makarewicz@ucdenver.edu[16]) and Carmen Stavrositu (cstavros@uccs.edu[17]) if you would like to learn more about FC3.
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CU Boulder College of Music unveils long-anticipated building addition[18]

September Town Hall updates: High vaccination rates, Future of Work Task Force progress and more[19]

Next week's 'Future Fest' to celebrate Lynx community, CU Denver's next chapter[20]

Lessons learned during the pandemic[21]

Manson receives National Academy of Medicine's Sarnat Prize for improving mental health services for American Indian, Alaska Native communities[22]

Betz and team awarded grant to study 'Safety in Dementia' decision tool [23]

Chapin wins Polly Baca Raíces Fuertes Community Leader Award [24]

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[1] https://connections.cu.edu/spotlights/staff-council-lists-goals-invites-involvement[2] https://www.cu.edu/ucsc[3] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/regents-seek-nominations-presidential-search-committee[4] https://www.cu.edu/presidential-search/forms/application-search-committee[5] https://www.cu.edu/regents/policy/3[6] https://www.cu.edu/presidential-search[7] mailto:presidentialsearch@cu.edu[8] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/faculty-council-committee-corner-communications-4[9] https://connections.cu.edu/sites/default/files/fc3_top_0.jpg[10] https://www.cu.edu/faculty-council/committees/faculty-council-communications-committee[11] https://connections.cu.edu/tag/faculty-council-committee-corner[12] https://connections.cu.edu/tag/cu-faculty-voices[13] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/faculty-invited-contribute-cu-connections-commentaries[14] https://www.cu.edu/faculty-council/faculty-guide[15] mailto:facultycouncil@cu.edu[16] mailto:carrie.makarewicz@ucdenver.edu[17] mailto:cstavros@uccs.edu[18] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/cu-boulder-college-music-unveils-long-anticipated-building-addition[19] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/september-town-hall-updates-high-vaccination-rates-future-work-task-force-progress-and-more[20] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/next-week-s-future-fest-celebrate-lynx-community-cu-denver-s-next-chapter[21] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/lessons-learned-during-pandemic[22] https://connections.cu.edu/people/manson-receives-national-academy-medicines-sarnat-prize-improving-mental-health-services[23] https://connections.cu.edu/people/betz-and-team-awarded-grant-study-safety-dementia-decision-tool[24] https://connections.cu.edu/people/chapin-wins-polly-baca-ra-ces-fuertes-community-leader-award