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Regents University Affairs Committee considers reestablishing Athletics Committee[4]

The Board of Regents next week is expected to discuss the possibility of reestablishing a committee on intercollegiate athletics, which most recently met circa 2010-17.

During the Aug. 27 Regents University Affairs Committee meeting, held virtually, Regent Wanda James formally proposed a policy change that would call for an Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. She said such a committee makes sense given dramatic changes taking place nationally in college athletics that affect CU Boulder and the university as a whole.

The suggested policy change received a split 2-2 vote from the committee members, meaning the matter does not advance to the consent agenda at the Sept. 12-13 Board of Regents meeting at CU Anschutz. The regents still may discuss the matter and potentially vote to make the change.

Since 2017, the board's structure includes four committees[5]: Governance, Finance, University Affairs and Audit. Athletics currently falls under the purview of University Affairs.

In other business at last week's University Affairs meeting, the committee voted to advance the proposed discontinuation of the French language major at CU Denver.

Richard Allen, senior associate dean for academic and strategic planning in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said demand has declined[6] steadily for more than a decade, with a low point of just one primary major student in fall 2021. The program's three tenured faculty retired in recent years.

French language and culture courses will continue, and the French minor still will be available. The Board of Regents will vote on the matter as part of the consent agenda at next week's meeting.

The committee last week also voted to approve its work plan[7] for the year. The next University Affairs Committee meeting is set for Oct. 22.

Faculty Senate to vote on Constitution ratification[8]

The Faculty Council last week called for a vote to approve proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution[9].

Following the council's advancing of the changes at the Aug. 29 meeting, held virtually, Faculty Council Chair Alastair Norcross said Faculty Senate members will be provided a summary of the proposed changes and will have 60 days to vote whether to approve them.

Generally, CU faculty with an appointment of 0.5 FTE or greater are voting members of the Faculty Senate; eligibility is detailed in the current Faculty Senate Constitution. A response rate of 200 voters is necessary for any action to go forward; approval among those voters must reach two-thirds to pass.

One significant change to the Constitution would revise the Faculty Council's current officer structure.

"Most other institutions like ours elect a chair-elect, who automatically becomes chair after a year, and the current chair becomes the past chair," Norcross said. "The changes to the Constitution formalize the positions of chair-elect, chair and past chair." Boulder Faculty Assembly is working on the same changes for their officers.

Norcross also updated Faculty Council on potential changes to the governance group's bylaws. The changes would be presented as a notice of motion at the Faculty Council's next meeting in September or possibly the October meeting; no vote would be taken before the meeting after the notice of motion. Approval would only be needed from the voters of the Faculty Council, not the full Faculty Senate.

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