

Faculty Council Chair Report

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A) Communications

Source Insider

- Shared Governance at CSU article authored by leadership the Employee Councils
 - o <https://source.colostate.edu/guest-column-shared-governance-at-colorado-state-university/>
- Faculty Council article authored by Faculty Council Leadership
 - o <https://source.colostate.edu/guest-column-faculty-councils-role-in-shared-governance/>
- Faculty Council Update articles authored by Amy Barkley, Executive Assistant to Faculty Council
 - o <https://source.colostate.edu/faculty-council-hears-update-on-athletics-and-the-move-to-the-pac-12/>

Faculty Council Meet & Greets

- Two Meet & Greets were held during the fall semester: 9/12, 11/7
- Two Meet & Greets are planned for the spring semester: 2/13, 4/10

B) Cabinet Updates

13 November 2024 Meeting

1) SPUR Start Pilot Update

- Charge from President for the Task Force was to build a first-year program at SPUR, while also considering other academic offerings, such as certificates and other programs that leverage SPUR
- 80-student pilot program launching in 2025
 - o Draw from applicants to CSU that live in the Denver Metro area
 - o Cohort approach utilizing the Key Communities program
 - o Curated collection of CSU courses (e.g., similar to Exploratory Studies)
 - o Emphasis on experiential learning

Some considerations

- May require some modification of SPUR to support students on the campus (further investment)
- How is student advising going to be accomplished?
- What is the funding model for faculty teaching courses at SPUR?
- Currently using existing CSU courses, but will need to utilize program/course approval process at CSU in the future

2) Stock Show Update

- Jan 18 is CSU day at the Stock Show, still are opportunities for engagement by CSU community

3) Cybersecurity Update (VP Bernier, VP Moseley)

- Data collection phase complete, now analyzing data
- Engaging with strategic partnerships (Amazon, Microsoft)
- Late Dec – recommendations to the Board of Governors

20 November 2024 Meeting

DEIJ Training – presentation by Dr. Rye Vigil, Assistant Vice President for Inclusive Excellence, on the Multicultural Organization Development Model

C) Provost Leadership Council Updates

13 November 2024 Meeting

- 1) Two preliminary Academic Program proposals were presented and approved to move forward:
 - Bachelor of Science in Climate Change Studies
 - Master of Science Art Education (Plan C)
- 2) CSU System Government Relations Overview – presentation by Kate Shimko, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Government Relations

D) Updates from Ongoing Task Forces

1) Task Force on Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Degree Programs

Membership: Sara Badding (co-chair), Shawn Bingham (co-chair), Tim Amidon, Jackie Bastardi, Andrea Duffy, Scott Shrake

Fall semester committee meeting dates: 8/14, 8/21, 10/6, 11/12, 12/3; Planned Spring semester meetings: 1/8, 1/22/25

Key Activities and Accomplishments since last update:

- wrapping up internal interviews
- coding survey data, which will inform our report
- drafting our report, which will include a summary of our survey results, national best practices and models (based on external interviews), and recommendations.

Projected Timeline/Anticipated Products: Final report in preparation with anticipated submission by the end of the year

2) Task Force on ILOs and Revising the AUCC

Membership: Lisa Dysleski (co-chair), Shawn Bingham (co-chair), Steve Dandaneau, Michelle Stanley, Kauline Cipriani, Courtney Shultz, Brad Goetz, Stuart Tobin, Dan Beachy-Quick, Dan Baker, Michael Palmquist, Stephanie Foster, Kristina Quynn, Carolyn Lawrence-Dill, Marc Nishimura, Martin Carcasson, Tian Wang, Andrew Norton, Chigozie Ozur

Fall semester committee meeting dates: 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11; individual meeting with student representative Chigozie Ozur on 11/7; final fall semester committee meeting on 12/2

Key Activities and Accomplishments since last update: The Task Force received a presentation by Stephanie Foster, Director of Assessment/Institutional Research, Planning, & Effectiveness, on the key characteristics of Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) and examples of how other institutions formulate and use ILOs in creative ways.

From that, the Task Force drafted two options for new CSU ILOs based on our previous work articulating the varying roles and functions of ILOs/Core Curriculum and the distinct qualities of CSU. A subcommittee was identified to refine these initial suggestions, to be deliberated by the full Task Force at the 12/2 meeting.

The Task Force also identified a list of key points that need to be considered as part of an AUCC revision, including but not limited to: interdisciplinarity/integrated learning, themed pathways, and career readiness. Subcommittees are drafting recommendations relating to these areas of consideration to be included in a final report.

Projected Timeline/Anticipated Products: The Task Force plans to submit a report in January 2025 with suggestions for new Institutional Learning Outcomes as well as recommendations on important components to consider in an AUCC revision.

3) Task Force on Standalone Certificates

Task Force Membership: Andrea Duffy (co-chair), Jennifer Martin (co-chair), Matt Camper, Gamze Cavdar, Brad Goetz, Joseph DiVerdi, Stephanie Foster, Jordan Fritts, Goetz, Laura Jensen, Timalyn O'Neill, Steve Reising, Elizabeth Reynolds, Katie Risheill, Bill Sanford, Michelle Stanley, Alysha Tarantino, Jozsef Vigil

Fall committee meetings: The work of the Standalone Certificate Task Force has continued throughout the Fall Semester with much progress and advancements since our update in August.

Key Activities and Accomplishments since last update:

a) Subcommittee Recommendations

The Learner Experience Subcommittee has continued to work on organizational processes pertaining to learner admissions, financial aid eligibility, and support for certificate learners. This work has been informed by numerous campus units with careful consideration for current institutional processes and the desire to support standalone certificate learners and campus community members. Several conversations have focused on key considerations for entrance requirements, classification of standalone certificate learners, registration and student record requirements, financial aid, and certificate completion. In addition, the subcommittee has

devoted significant effort on articulating services needed to support certificate seeking learners, including: advising/mentoring, orientation, and other student services.

The Certificate Approvals & Assessment Subcommittee has created a draft set of recommendations to inform development of a process by which standalone certificates could be approved. This proposed process, leverages existing course and program approval processes, with important modifications to reflect the unique nature of standalone certificates, as opposed to degree-linked courses and/or programs.

The draft recommendations from the Subcommittees will be reviewed by the Interim Vice Provost for Student Affairs (Dr. Michele Stanley) and the Vice Provost for Planning and Effectiveness (Dr. Laura Jensen). Both Drs. Stanley and Jensen are members of the Task Force. These finalized recommendations will be shared in the Task Force report (early Spring 2025).

b) Standalone Certificate Call for Proposals

An important accomplishment for the Task Force came in October, when the recommendations from the Certificate Approval and Assessment Subcommittee were used to inform the creation and launch of a Standalone Certificate Call for Proposals (CFP). The CFP was intended to serve as a pilot program aimed at identifying interested standalone certificates and articulate important components of a successful standalone certificate proposals, while also metering the process so that our campus could learn from the pilot without overwhelming intuitional processes or capacity. The CFP targeted a Fall 2025 launch of standalone certificate programs, assuming all institutional processes were in place to support launch and delivery of the certificates.

The CFP was shared with the campus community, targeted standalone certificate programs that met a few specific criteria: 1) prioritized existing undergraduate certificates, 2) did not require creation of new courses (i.e. certificate courses are already approved), and 3) expressed support of College Dean. In addition to these required criteria, standalone certificate proposals were asked to address market demand and/or need, provide a clearly defined course plan using only courses with no hidden pre-requisites, identify alignment with strengths and institutional priorities, and provide a Memorandum of Understanding for interdisciplinary certificates.

The CFP received more than 10 proposals which were evaluated by the Task Force using a developed rubric. From these proposals, eight were selected to move forward. At present, the Task Force is working within all represented units to update institutional processes so that these proposals can move through a piloted approval process, admissions process, and launch of standalone certificates in Fall 2025 or Spring 2026. The Task Force and Provost's Office are engaging with the proposers to provide regular updates and when ready, will offer guidance as to next steps in approval of the standalone certificate.

Projected timeline/Anticipated products: At present, the Task Force is compiling subcommittee recommendations into a final Task Force report which we aim to deliver to Faculty Council in Spring 2025.

E) New Task Forces

1) Task Force on Department Code Review and Approval (charge meeting 11/21)

Membership: Sue James (co-chair), Ryan Brooks (co-chair), Steve Reising, Ryan Claycomb, Richard Eykholt, Antonio Pedros-Gascon, Aaron Eakman, Charlotte Bright, Joseph DiVerdi, Dennis Harry, Collin Clay, Gregg Griffenhagen, Lisa Kutcher, Vigor Lam

Timeline/Anticipated products: A key outcome of this task force will be a report with recommendations submitted to Faculty Council for consideration at end of Spring 2025.

2) Task Force on Faculty Student Mentoring (charge meeting 11/15)

Membership: Lisa Dysleski (co-chair), Graham Peers (co-chair), Zaid Abdo, Louise Allen, Shawn Bingham, Will Bromley, Addy Elliot, Steven Fassnacht, Brett Fling, Tara Opsal, Cassandra Puletapuai, Adam Schuller, Peter Jan van Leeuwen, Anastasia Williams; Administrative sponsors: Sue James, Michelle Stanley

Timeline/Anticipated products: Report expected by Spring 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Mendy Smith, Faculty Council Chair