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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO-COLORADO SPRINGS

Veteran faculty member chosen as interim dean

A more than 12-year member of the CU-Colorado Springs faculty will be interim dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

Tom Christensen, associate professor of physics, was named interim dean August 14. His appointment was announced by Tom Bellamy, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs.



Tom Christensen

“Tom Christensen has served the university well for more than a decade and for the past year as associate dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences,” Bellamy said. “He has earned the confidence of both faculty and administrators on the campus, and I am confident he will continue the College’s forward momentum during the search for a permanent dean.”

Bellamy selected Christensen after meeting with department chairs and soliciting nominations for the position from the Letters, Arts and Sciences faculty.

Christensen will serve as interim for one to two years while a permanent dean is selected.

Christensen fills the position previously held by Elizabeth Grobsmith who resigned to accept the position of dean of Humanities, Arts and Social

Sciences at Utah State University, Logan. She began work at USU August 15.

“I am looking forward to serving the campus during this time of transition. Dean Grobsmith built on our College’s tradition of excellence over the last five years and I expect to work with our faculty and staff to continue developing on that tradition,” Christensen said.

Grobsmith was honored at an August 6 reception where Chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade lauded her accomplishments and congratulated her on the Utah State position.

“It is a compliment to Dean Grobsmith, and I believe

CU-Colorado Springs, when larger institutions seek out our leaders in hopes that they will do for them what they have done so well for us.”

Christensen joined the CU-Colorado Springs faculty in 1989 as an assistant professor in the Physics Department. In 1994, he was promoted to associate professor and Physics Department chair. He was named associate dean in 2000.

Prior to joining the university faculty, Christensen was a member of the technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque. He earned doctoral and master’s degrees in applied physics from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and bachelor’s degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Chancellor to kick off semester

Chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade will kick off the fall semester with an all-campus address at 9 a.m. August 23 in the third floor University Center theater.

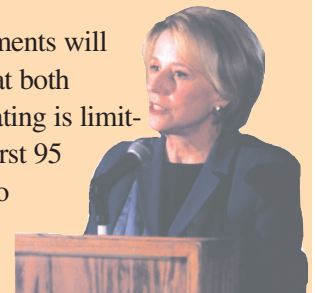
Her remarks will precede a 10 a.m. grand opening celebration for the University Center.

Bunnell Shade will repeat her speech at 11 a.m. August 27 at the University Center theater to allow more faculty and staff the opportunity to attend.

Bunnell Shade is expected to talk about President Elizabeth Hoffman’s

ten-year vision for the University of Colorado and, specifically, for the Colorado Springs campus. Additionally, Bunnell Shade will provide an overview of the campus priorities for the coming year and answer questions from those in attendance.

Refreshments will be served at both events. Seating is limited to the first 95 people who attend.



Overheard

My vision is a university without walls — a university where departments and colleges on all four campuses work with each other.

—President Elizabeth Hoffman when discussing her 10-year plan for CU

Engineering dean departs for Washington; interim selection near

An interim dean of Engineering and Applied Science will likely be named next week following interviews of finalists for the position.

Tom Bellamy, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, said he hopes to make a selection by August 20 and for the interim dean to be in place soon afterwards.

"This is an important position," Bellamy said. "I am pleased to have highly qualified individuals from which to choose to lead Engineering and Applied Science while a search is conducted."

The appointment will likely be for one year with a national search beginning in Spring 2002 for a permanent replacement.

The interim dean selection will replace Dean Ron Sega who recently accepted the position of director of research and engineering within the U.S. Department of Defense.

Sega's resignation from the dean's position was effective Aug. 14 as he began the process of moving to Washington and beginning his new position.



Ron Sega

"I am proud of what has been accomplished in the College of Engineering and Applied Science and on the campus since the summer of 1996," Sega said. "I believe that we are positioned to work together to meet the needs of the students, faculty, and staff as well as the region. The quality of our students, faculty and staff and the reputation of the College continue to improve. I believe that we have laid the foundation and that our future is bright."

Sega, a member of the faculty since 1982, became dean in 1996. During his tenure, the college added six new degree programs, established the department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, developed a Common Freshman Year curriculum and gained approval for the renovation and expansion of the Engineering and Applied Science building.

"Dean Ron Sega has done an outstanding job of raising the visibility of the College of Engineering and Applied Science and the University in the Colorado Springs community and far beyond," Chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade said. "I wish Dean Sega continued success in his future endeavors and am greatly appreciative of his efforts here both as a faculty member and dean."

A farewell breakfast reception for Sega is planned for 8 a.m. August 27, in University Center 303. Please respond to Kathy Griffith, kgriffit@uccs.edu, to attend.

Facilities Services launches Web-based services

Even replacing a light bulb is going high-tech.

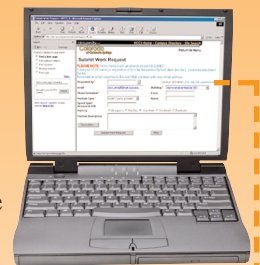
Beginning today, Department of Facilities Service will begin a World Wide Web-based work request form that promises faster service and the ability to track the status of a request from the comfort of a computer desktop.

"The advantage is that people don't have to wait for a phone call to be answered or a voice mail to be copied down and then someone having to interpret handwriting," Mary Kunkel, GIS/FM Coordinator, Department of Facilities Service, said. "With the press of a button, the work can be assigned, putting us one step closer to getting the problem fixed."

In emergencies, phone calls are still requested. But for the burned out light bulb or the sticking door-type problems that occur hundreds of times weekly on campus, accessing the web site will be the fastest, most efficient way to get service, Kunkel says.



The work request site is <http://arc/uccs/menupage.cfm>. This site can also be reached from the Department of Facilities Service Home page or the UCCS home page <http://www.uccs.edu>.



A tutorial site has been set up in coordination with the new system. The site is <http://web.uccs.edu/facplng/tutorial>.

A new Facilities Services web site is also being launched in coordination with the work order. The site will provide such commonly requested items as package addressing tips, zip code guides, links to package services, floor plans, maps, energy conservation tips and a link to the work request form.

To see the Facilities Services web site, visit <http://web.uccs.edu/facplng>.

New staff join ranks

With more than 35 years of architectural design and planning under his hardhat, some would say that Glenn Bernhardt Carlsrud has earned the right to fold up his drafting table and go fishing.



Glenn Carlsrud

But the newly hired CU-Colorado Springs campus architect and planner has other ideas — and they don't involve retirement.

"I've always loved the college atmosphere," says Carlsrud. "There's fine character in the buildings and a good feeling for quality here."

Carlsrud, who started his new job in the Facilities Service department last month, has testaments of his work scattered across the country from New York to New Mexico. He's designed and overseen construction of banks, shopping centers, theaters, warehouses, churches, synagogues, hospitals, nursing homes, laboratories, jails, libraries, fire stations, post offices, military installations and colleges.

"I try to relate functional needs to the development of a building, implementing the design philosophy that form follows function," says Carlsrud.

But it's a demonstrated talent for consolidating and transferring employees during renovation and construction that may serve him most immediately. Carlsrud will be the point man behind the faculty and staff shuffling to temporary and permanent facilities over the coming years as CU-Colorado Springs grows into its master plan. He also expects to take an active role in development of "outdoor spaces" on the campus.

Maureen Cathey has always enjoyed one-on-one time with students. Call it face-time. Call it career counseling. Whatever you call it, it's a good thing that she likes it.

As the new director of the Master of Business Administration program at the University of Colorado, Cathey will have the opportunity to get up close and personal not just with the 300 MBA students on campus, but also the countless more she hopes to recruit.



Maureen Cathey

Cathey took over as MBA Program Director in July after spending five years at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, most recently as assistant director for Recruitment and Special Events in the Career Services office. Cathey earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee.

In her new post, Cathey will spend time with students discussing course curriculum, career goals, and academic planning. In addition, what Cathey says she is looking most forward to in her new position is "the exciting challenge of coming up with some new marketing ideas."

One of the biggest recruitment tools that Cathey says she has up her sleeve is to spread the word about the flexibility of the CU-Colorado Springs MBA program is. In addition to the 300 on-campus students taking advantage of late afternoon or evening classes, a work schedule, there are hundreds more students who opt to take classes on line in the MBA distance-learning program.

It's noon and Matt Gaden is tightening the laces on his running shoes in preparation for a lunchtime jog in the bluffs behind campus. Apparently there's something about the job title that makes Gaden — the new campus coordinator of recreation and fitness — take fun seriously.



Matt Gaden

"Go ahead," he says with a grin. "Call me the fun czar. I'd wear that badge with pride."

Gaden, a Texas transplant, earned his master's degree in human services with a concentration in sports management from St. Edwards University. He was working as the supervisor of a community recreation center near Austin when he got a call from the University asking him to head up the Recreation and Fitness department. With a love of the outdoors and an affinity for Colorado's Front Range, Gaden said he leapt at the chance to move.

Having been on the job less than two weeks, Gaden is brimming with ideas on ways to expand and enhance student recreational opportunities. In addition to beefing up the already popular intramural basketball and football leagues, he hopes to add an ultimate Frisbee competition, table tennis, billiards, sand volleyball at the student housing village, card tournaments, a bus trip to a Colorado Rockies game and, when football season hits, a point-spread picking contest.

Gaden is encouraging faculty and staff to contact him if they have ideas for fun and games. Nothing is too silly to be considered. After all, he takes his job seriously.

Main Hall historic but may not be registered

Main Hall is an historic building and will be returned to its grandeur of the early 20th century, according to university building officials.

But those same renovations may keep the building from a place on the National Register of Historic Places, according to Tom Ostenberg, director, Facilities Services.

“The City of Colorado Springs Historic Preservation Board believes that it was likely inappropriate for the building to have been placed on the Register in 1998,” Ostenberg said. “And with the extent of renovation that has taken place in the last few months, the Board is more convinced that the building should be taken off the list.”

Beginning last fall, extensive renovation began on Main Hall which was originally constructed as a tuberculous sanatorium in 1914. Hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead-based paint were discovered, as were significant structural and foundation problems that occurred as a result of the building’s age and previous renovations. Consequently, floors were removed and steel used to reinforce the building.

The exterior of the building was saved and will be restored, including replacement windows that duplicate the originals, Ostenberg said. Inside, some historic elements of the building will be saved, too. A stone fireplace and the stone foundation façade are items that will be preserved.

Although Ostenberg believes Main Hall continues as an historical significant building, the University will not contest the Board’s decision. State officials, however, have been invited to visit the construction site and review plans before making a final decision.

Chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade said, “I respect the expertise of local and State historic preservation officials. We sought Main Hall’s placement on the National Register of Historic Places. However, I will not protest your recommendation as the future status of the building on the Register.”



Historical?

Main Hall renovations continue

Staff governance

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Fall Fest 2001

Fall Fest, the annual showcase of the campus for alumni, students, parents and friends of the University, will be from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Oct. 27.

In addition to campus tours, workshops and events sponsored by faculty and student groups, there will be a soccer game against defending league champ Fort Lewis College at 2 p.m. and a Halloween Homecoming dance beginning at 8 p.m.

For more information call Ann Cesare, director, alumni relations, 262-3046.



UC ready to strut stuff

After more than three years of planning and construction, CU-Colorado Springs' University Center is ready for show time.

At 10 a.m. August 23, the University Center will have a formal Grand Opening Ceremony complete with music, food, prizes and tours of the renovated, expanded and freshly completed center.

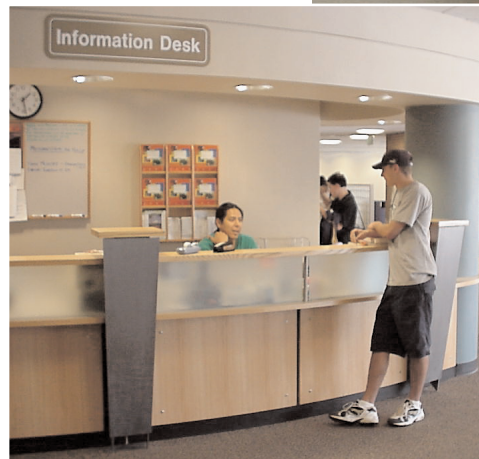
All faculty, staff, students and university alumni are invited to attend the event.

"This is the culmination of a lot of hard work and a fair share of blood, sweat and tears," Jeff Davis, director, University Center, said. "We want to share the results with those who had faith that this project would happen and who have supported us along the way."

The Grand Opening follows Chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade's annual campus kick off scheduled for 9 a.m. in the University Center's third-floor theater. Bunnell Shade will also speak at the Grand Opening event where she will be joined by Colette Berge, past president of the Association of College Unions; Pam Shockley, vice chancellor for student success; Ron Wisner, dean, Student Life; and John-Michael Warner and Bethany Hollister, student co-executives.

Former student government leaders have been invited to return to campus to see the renovated center made possible because of a \$4.50 per credit hour fee. Students voted for the fee in 1998.

The University Center boasts meeting rooms, expanded facilities for student clubs, recreation and intramural sports, a copy center, cafeteria, convenience store and the university bookstore.



A welcome reception for Tom Bellamy, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, is scheduled for 4 p.m. Aug. 21 in University Center 303. Please call 262-3436 to make reservations.

Bellamy, dean of the School of Education at CU-Denver, became the new interim vice chancellor for academic affairs at CU-Colorado Springs July 15. He will continue to have limited responsibilities at the Denver campus.

Bellamy has served as dean of education at CU-Denver since 1992. Previously, he was the Levitt Distinguished Professor of Education and Associate Dean for Research at Drake University and a U.S. Department of Education senior executive. For more than 13 years, Bellamy served on the faculty of the University of Oregon in various teaching and research positions.

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