

CU Denver Faculty Vote Overview: Core Curriculum

Background

In April 2026, a CU Denver faculty vote will occur to determine whether to approve the recommended *structure* of an updated core curriculum proposed by the Core Curriculum Academic Transformation Working Group.

The basis for this faculty vote is established in the Core Curriculum Oversight Committee (CCOC) [bylaws](#), which state, “Substantial modifications to the Core Curriculum shall require a majority vote of the faculty in each undergraduate school/college.”

Following the vote on the core curriculum structure, the revised core courses—including updated learning objectives, outcomes and skills—will be identified or developed.

Vote Process

CCOC

On March 13, the CCOC will confirm whether it believes that the proposed changes qualify as a “major” change to the current core curriculum. Assuming this is agreed-upon, CCOC leadership will present a motion for a vote to suspend the CCOC bylaws and forward the proposal to Faculty Assembly (FA), to enable FA to call for a full faculty vote.

In accordance with the CCOC bylaws, CCOC members must be notified at least one calendar week in advance (by Friday, March 6) about the vote and materials relevant to the vote will be shared with them. A quorum of CCOC members (at least one voting member from each of the undergraduate schools/colleges or 2/3 of voting members) may pass a vote with a simple majority vote; if a quorum is not present, an affirmative a vote of at least 2/3 of voting members present is required to pass.

Faculty Assembly

Faculty Assembly will vote on whether to advance the core curriculum vote to the full faculty. Votes of FA are guided by the FA Constitution, specifically:

- Voting faculty are those .5 FTE and higher (=50%+ appointment), titles: Teaching Professor, Associate Teaching Professor, Assistant Teaching Professor, Distinguished Professor, Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Research Professor, Associate Research Professor, Principal Instructor, Senior Instructor, Instructor, Scholar in Residence, and Artist in Residence. (Part One.A.2.a.)

- *Ex officio* members with the right to vote are the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellors, all Deans, and Professors Emeriti and Emeritae. (Part One.A.2.a.)
- A Quorum of the UCD Faculty shall be 7% of the UCD Faculty at the commencement of the meeting. Proxy voting shall not be permitted. (Part Two. C.)
- Motions shall be approved by a majority of those present. (Part Two. D.)
- Recommendations, motions, or resolutions may originate from any member of the UCD Faculty, the Faculty Assembly, or any of the Assembly committees. (Part Two. F.)

Full Faculty

If FA votes to approve the motion for the full faculty vote, the vote will commence.

A two-thirds majority of a minimum of 20% of the voting faculty is needed to pass. Estimating 700 faculty, 140 votes will be required for the vote to be valid (20% of faculty), and at least 94 to pass (2/3 majority).

Planned Vote Timeline

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- Motion will be sent to full Faculty Assembly by **March 31**
- Faculty Assembly vote on motion on **April 7**
- Faculty vote runs **April 8 – April 22**

Process details

To reach clarity regarding these voting procedures, the operational team supporting the Core Curriculum work first consulted with the Office of Faculty Affairs and the AVC for Academic Planning to understand what policies or precedents might provide guidance for how to manage the vote (Dec. 2025). Additional consultation with the leaders of the Core Curriculum Oversight Committee (CCOC) and Faculty Assembly (FA) through individual conversations and email exchanges supported defining the details and timing of the votes leading up to a full faculty vote; a joint meeting of the chairs (Feb. 19) was leveraged to confirm the process. Core Curriculum leads also met with the FA Executive Committee with the CCOC chairs present (Feb. 24) to confirm agreement regarding the process steps.