CU BUDGET PROCEEDS BUT IS FAR FROM COMPLETE

CU-Colorado Springs officials are optimistic, but cautious, about the university’s budget outlook for 2001.

CU’s 2001 budget year begins July 1, 2000. But it will likely be June before the campus knows officially how much money it will have for the coming year, according to Ed Paris, associate vice chancellor for administration and finance.

In mid-March, a funding bill for state agencies, including higher education was introduced in the Legislature. Known as the Long Bill, it provided a $9.8 million increase in general funds for CU. While that bill provides initial optimism, Paris emphasized the bill has not passed the Legislature. Additionally, the allocation from the Legislature will be divided by the University of Colorado Board of Regents to each of the university’s four campuses.

“It’s a long way from a bill’s introduction to its approval,” Paris said. “People should neither be overly excited or overly concerned about the budget picture for the campus at this time.”

Once the funding bill is approved by the Legislature, the Regents make appropriations to the campuses and budgets are set for 2001. That decision is expected at the June Regents meeting where Chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade and Vice Chancellor Cleve McDaniel will present the campus’ case for funding.

Factors the regents will consider in making their decision include the campus’ enrollment growth, its scores on various performance indicators approved by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the campus’ budget compared to universities of similar size and mission.

Until the Regents make their decision, issues such as faculty and professional exempt staff salaries cannot be determined, Paris said. The Legislature determines salaries for classified staff members, requiring CU to fund those increases from its budget allocation.

And while the final decision about the budget is likely months away, there is plenty of activity underway.

For the past month, members of the University Budget Advisory Committee have heard presentations from the campus vice chancellors about the needs of various departments under their authority. The purpose of the committee whose 20 members include faculty, staff and students, is to advise which campus priorities should be funded this year.

All campus departments now prepare three-year budgets, Paris said. Those budgets become planning tools and allow the campus to think strategically.
Miller Receives a Fulbright Scholarship

John C. Miller, professor of Spanish and chair, Languages and Cultures, was awarded a prestigious J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship earlier this month.

Fulbright scholars are a select group of scholars and professionals worldwide who are leaders in the educational, political, economic, social and cultural lives of their countries.

Miller is preparing for his Jan. - June 2001 teaching assignment in Colombia as a Fulbright Scholar. His research project will be a translation of the Colombian novel “Un Beso de Dick” by Fernando Molano Vargas.

The book, which won the Chamber of Commerce of Medellin award in 1992, is a coming of age novel in which a soccer player discovers his sexuality. Molano Vargas died of AIDS in 1996.

Miller says that the novel delves into the soccer culture and understanding that culture is critical to complete a rich translation of the book. To do that, Miller is reading Spanish soccer magazines.

Miller will teach U.S. Latino literature to undergraduate and graduate students at the Universidad Nacional of Medellin and will consult on upper-level English as a second language curriculum with the Centro Colombo Americano of Medellin, the second largest English teaching institution in Latin America. Miller will also teach seminars on U.S. Latino literature at the Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano del Caribe in Cartagena.

This marks Miller’s fourth Fulbright Scholarship award. He received student Fulbright awards to Venezuela in 1961 and Spain in 1968. His 1994 faculty Fulbright award was to Colombia where he taught at the Universidad Javeriana in Bogota and the Universidad de Santander in Bucaramanga.

Miller says that he has no restrictions on travel, a marked difference to his last visit to Colombia. He expects to see more stability there because the United States is investing monetary support for economic and political ventures and there are ongoing negotiations between the government and the rebel units in the countryside.

Agilent Grant

A n equipment grant from Agilent Technologies will allow CU-Colorado Springs faculty and students to characterize molecular structures, aiding research and preparing students for graduate and medical education or careers in industry.

Agilent will provide the university a sophisticated computer-assisted instrument called the Agilent Esquire LC-Ion Trap LC/MS system that will allow examination of single molecules in plants, microorganisms, animal and human tissues. The $250,000 instrument will be used by university undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in biology, chemistry, nursing and engineering curriculums to better understand how cells operate and to closely focus on stressed cells such as those that may be damaged or diseased.

CU-Colorado Springs faculty will use the instrument to further the study of such areas as lipid research, molecular genetics and cell biology.

“We are greatly appreciative of the support of Agilent Technologies to ensure that CU-Colorado Springs students and faculty have the opportunity to work with state-of-the-art equipment,” Chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade said. “This equipment helps ensure that we prepare students for future careers in such important areas as ...

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Diversity Summit offers Week of Events

The second, bi-annual Diversity Summit for CU-Colorado Springs is April 10-14. The summit will bring together students, faculty, staff and community members to assess the racial climate on campus.

A key component of the summit will be to share results from focus groups conducted in February and March. The focus groups queried faculty, staff, students and community members about perceptions about the campus’ racial climate. Other events include diversity awareness workshops and panel discussion groups.

The Diversity Planning Committee developed a week of activities to provide opportunities to discuss matters such as college diversity plans, diversity in the core curriculum, affirmative action and changing meanings of diversity.

Diversity Summit Week Schedule
April 10-14, 2000

MONDAY, APRIL 10
NOON Lodge A
Keynote Speaker: Rene Redwood, senior consultant, American Council on Education, Washington, D.C.

3 P.M. Library 110
Diversity Video Series.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11
NOON The Lodge
“Faces of America,” a theatrical production.

3 P.M. Library 132
Diversity Video Series.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
NOON Breckenridge 5101
Assessing the Campus Racial Climate. A presentation of the results from campus and community focus groups.

1 - 4 P.M. Library 110
Professional Development Workshop.
“Can We Talk?” Dr. Eldridge Greer, director of counseling and psychological services, CU-Boulder, will facilitate.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13
NOON Library 110
Assessing the Campus Racial Climate. A presentation of the results from campus and community focus groups.

3 P.M. Library 132
Diversity Video Series.

6 - 8 P.M. The Lodge
“Skinheads, Hate Crimes, Reformation.” A lecture by Frank Meeink. He has been featured on “The Today Show,” “Frontline” and “CNN.”

FRIDAY, APRIL 14
NOON Breckenridge 5101
Panel discussion on “Where Do We Go From Here?” Strategies for success and a summary of Diversity Week’s activities.
Moderator, Rosemary Harris, columnist, The Gazette.
Commitment to diversity pledge.
CALL ET FOR FREE Connecting to CU-Boulder or other Boulder-located University of Colorado offices recently became both easier and cheaper.

A new switch was recently installed allowing CU-Colorado Springs faculty and staff to contact Boulder-based CU counterparts without incurring long-distance charges, according to Jerry Wilson, director of information technology systems.

By dialing 862 and the last four digits of the Boulder campus telephone number, campus callers can avoid long distance tolls and dialing the area code and full number. Additionally, dialing 865 and the last four digits of employees of the Administrative Streamlining Project unit allows CU-Colorado Springs callers to avoid long distance charges.

“We estimate that the savings will exceed $15,000 annually,” Wilson said.

The ability to dial the Boulder campus directly existed for several years but technology upgrades temporarily disconnected the service. In January, technicians installed a new switching mechanism allowing the service to resume.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORKS AWARDS The 2000-2001 Committee on Research and Creative Works recently announced the following awards.

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<td>Robert Carlson, associate professor of mathematics</td>
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TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP AWARDS Fall 2000 Teaching with Technology Partnership Awards were given to four CU-Colorado Springs faculty and staff members.

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Miller will bring back to the community an ability to integrate Colombian literature into his teaching of U.S. Latino literature. He also hopes to broaden CU-Colorado Springs’ study and travel courses to Latin America.

Miller received his bachelor’s degree in humanities from Rutgers University in Camden, N.J. and master’s degrees in counseling psychology from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and Spanish from the University of Maryland, College Park. He received his doctorate in modern languages from Middlebury Language Schools in Vermont.

Miller, a member of the CU-Colorado Springs faculty since 1987, is the 14th Fulbright award winner at CU-Colorado Springs in 15 years.

Information about the prestigious J. William Fulbright Scholarship program is at http://www.iie.org/cies/awards2000/usscope.htm.