

Subject: Bush Award Brouhaha and some Other Stuff

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Hi all--

I took the liberty of sending a letter to the Denver Post opining about the Korbel Bush award issue from a shared governance perspective. It's published in today's edition of the Post:

<http://blogs.denverpost.com/eletters/2013/07/11/protest-over-george-w-bush-humanitarian-award-at-du-3-letters/23625/>

I identified myself as president of the DU AAUP chapter but that part didn't make it into the byline.

You may have noticed this week's Post story about the Lucy Marsh pay equity issue in the Law School:

http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_23628967/du-professor-files-gender-based-lt-br-gt?IADID=Search-www.denverpost.com-www.denverpost.com

The Marsh case has gotten the attention of the Colorado AAUP Conference but I'm not sure if we'll do anything without being asked.

Has anyone else noticed that this string of stuff, along with the Athletic Department's stonewalling on the George Gwozdecky firing and the whole "Denver Boone" mascot fiasco, is making the university look really bad?

Finally, I ended my term as Co-President of the Colorado AAUP Conference on July 1, succeeded by Jonathan Rees, a history professor at CSU-Pueblo. You might be interested to know that Jonathan is speaking to the DU Strategic Issues Panel next Wednesday in the Anderson Academic Commons' first floor special events room at around 10:50. I think he's going to speak about MOOCs and the implications for academic freedom and shared governance. I've been to both Panel meetings so far as an observer and they are well worth attending.

I hope everyone is having a good summer,

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