

## **MINUTES**

### **Boulder Faculty Assembly**

**October 6, 2005**

#### **Attending:**

Jerry Hauser, Chair  
David Kassoy, Secretary  
Stein Sture, At-Large Board Member  
Barbara Bintliff, Former BFA Chair  
Wayne Angevine  
Sedat Biringen  
Deane Bowers  
Greg Carey  
Albert Chong  
Cathy Comstock  
Pamela Diggle  
Mark Dubin  
Don Eron  
Robert Ferry  
Hardy Fredricksmeier  
Lori Hunter  
Eric Juenke  
Samuel Junod  
Daniel Kim  
E. Christian Kopff  
Bruce Montgomery (for Levitt)  
Uriel Nauenberg  
Rolf Norgaard  
Jerry Peterson  
Tad Pfeffer  
Kathryn Pieplow  
Andrew Pleszkun  
Bob Regoli  
Joseph Rosse  
Terry Sawchuk  
Petger Schaberg  
Ravinder Singh  
Eric Small  
John Cooper, Retired Faculty  
Mark Bradburn, UGGS  
Chuck Earnst, University Perspectives

#### **Media:**

Jeff Dodge, Silver & Gold Record

**Not attending:**

Deward Walker, At-Large Board Member  
R L Widmann, Vice Chair  
Marty Bickman  
Frances Charteris  
David Fagerstrom  
Roger King  
Robert Kuchta  
Richard Laver  
Bill McGinley  
Ted Snow  
Simon Sparks  
Alexey Wolfson

**Guests:**

Chancellor DiStefano  
Dean Todd Gleeson

A meeting of the Boulder Faculty Assembly was held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 in the Fleming Law Building, Room 156. Chair Jerry Hauser presided. The meeting convened at 4:00p.m. and adjourned at 5:30p.m.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

There being no comments, corrections or changes to the minutes, the motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2005 BFA meeting carried.

**B. Chair's Announcements**

- Presidential Teaching Scholar nominations are due by Nov 18; the call is still out for honorary degrees so please bring this to attention of colleagues;
- Hauser encouraged faculty to forward questions to continue the Question of the Month;
- The Chancellor's Commencement Committee needs 2 faculty representatives;
- Administrative streamlining will be undertaken by Campus administration and the schools and colleges. Ideas about efficiencies are to be forwarded to campus deans or Hauser;
- The alcohol abuse taskforce charged with producing white paper and plan for dealing with alcohol abuse by students thus far consists of Lori Hunter acting as BFA liaison, Ken Hutchison, and Stanley Deetz. An interim report is due by semester's end and will be shared with BFA;
- If Referendum C fails, tuition will necessarily go up; it is unclear at this time the level at which the state will fund the university.

A discussion regarding course repetition followed, beginning with a review of former Chancellor Byyny's decision to extend the policy one more year after the BFA voted to

discontinue the policy. A committee chaired by Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning Kaempfer was charged by Provost Avery to look at course repetition and fall break. The Provost was prepared to accept the report as a basis for action but after conversations with Chair Hauser the lines of authority have been clarified with the authority of the faculty senate in matters pertaining to academic affairs reestablished.

Course repetition is back on the table again and the administration is receptive to the idea that faculty conduct a second vote. After discussing the ramifications of re-opening the issue back up for a vote, Hauser outlined the procedure for disposing of the item: the BFA will receive and distribute the new report. If at that time someone makes a motion to reconsider it and it is seconded, the Assembly will discuss the ad hoc committee's recommendation with respect to whether it is substantively different from last year's proposal. Nauenberg recommended that the issue go back to the Academic Affairs Committee for their input and advice. Hauser agreed that this was the proper first step and reiterated that the only way the Assembly can proceed is to bring a motion to reconsider. In order for such a motion to be entertained, it must be made by a member who voted on the prevailing side at the last vote.

### C. Committee Reports

#### BFA Libraries Committee Notice of Motion

RESOLVED: The BFA requests that the Libraries annual increase allocation for materials acquisitions costs be indexed to at least the actual annual publishers' inflationary increase, without negative impact on the remainder of the libraries increases, noting that the projected publishers' inflationary increase for AY 06-07 is 8% (approximately \$667,000). AND that this is the highest priority of the faculty, recognizing that it will impact other high priority items.

Libraries Committee Chair Dubin described the current journal problem of dwindling journals and the cost of journal subscription and added that everyone recognizes that if C&D doesn't pass this resolution will be moot. In consultation with the BFA Executive Committee he proposed a resolution with a five year sunset clause as a reasonable planning window. There are only a few possibilities remaining: continue to cut journals; maintain the collection; or acquire new journals. The Libraries Committee unanimously recommends maintaining the current rate of journal subscription and to accommodate this the budget be indexed to the inflationary cost. Nauenberg recommended the sunset language be added for consideration of the resolution. The new language added to the resolution reads: ***This resolution is to be in effect for five (5) academic years, at which time it will cease to be in effect unless renewed by BFA vote.*** The resolution comes from committee and the BFA will hold its deliberations at the next meeting November 3.

#### BFA Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Notice of Motion:

##### Background

The Academic Policy Board for Athletics (APBA) has recommended to the Provost that (1) faculty participate in the hiring of certain personnel in the athletic department; and (2) faculty participate in the recruitment of student-athletes and be available to meet with these recruits and their parents. The APBA has identified the BFA as the appropriate body to implement these recommendations. The attached documents provide the formal recommendations.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

(1) the BFA endorses these recommendations and is willing to organize this effort by establishing a list of faculty volunteers with the goal of having at least one volunteer from each academic department;

(2) the format of such a program will evolve through the joint work of the appropriate BFA committees, the BFA General Assembly, and the APBA.

Intercollegiate Athletic Committee Chair Carey brought forward the Academic Policy Board (APB) for Athletics resolution which consisted of two recommendations to the chancellor revolving around faculty participation in Athletic Department hires and faculty members visiting recruits which is a NCAA requirement. The resolution comes from committee and the BFA will hold its deliberations at our next meeting.

#### D. Special Reports

Arts and Sciences Dean Todd Gleeson began by dispelling two myths: first, that the proposal is for a residential college when in fact it is for a residential campus; and second, that the program would relocate honors when in fact it would not. He described the residential college proposal for the faculty and the task force co-chaired by Gleeson and Stump created to address the initiative which features faculty representatives. The initiative is driven by fact that campus residence halls need renovation. This renovation project will take 20 years to complete. Consequently Housing has asked the committee to envision a residence hall environment that will encourage co-curricular activities.

Housing wants to start with Kittredge and Libby. The committee has been building a set of recommendations such as smart classrooms for students, borrowing from ITLL model that has group study rooms, and building on successful programs now in place. He described an effort to change the current student mix to attract non-freshmen by creating studios and different housing configurations with the intention that renovated residence halls would house 30% nonfreshmen. Graduate apartments and living quarters attractive to faculty have also been discussed. The residential aspect with respect to Honors will be that that program will “wish to grow.” The ultimate goal of the initiative is better living and studying space.

Norgaard made a friendly suggestion that the committee stay in touch with the BFA Academic Affairs Committee as the academic dimensions to this initiative are important.

Gleeson agreed and said that the academic portion at this point in time consists now of us sitting down and articulating what we would like to see. Cooper asked if there was a

BFA representative on the committee and Gleeson said the BFA could send a representative once the conversation expands.

The Chair thanked Gleeson for coming.

Chancellor DiStefano focused his presentation on the budget. The CCHE asked all universities in the state to provide a budget model based on the premise that there will be no general fund monies added to the budget for next year. This was an unrealistic assumption because if C and D pass then we are expecting to get monies added to the general fund, if they fail, we will take a budget cut. We did the modeling based on zero additional general funds next year and included the fact that out of state tuition is at its limit and can only be increased by 1%. CU included in this scenario its mandated costs as well as two quality initiatives: a 3% faculty salary increase plus 1% over inflation and the hiring of 25 new tenure track faculty.

The Chancellor opened the floor to questions. When asked about program discontinuance he answered that he plans to ask deans to look at ways to be more efficient toward some of these initiatives so that the campus can remain competitive. While he is not looking to take money from budget already cut, money will need to come from other sources. Are there ways we can be more efficient? Program discontinuance and the consolidation of programs will be topics of discussion.

Bintliff asked for an update on the CU Foundation and DiStefano replied that the state audit is ongoing and should be completed in October or early November. The documents produced thus far are still confidential so can't discuss specifics. At the same time we are looking at an operating agreement with Foundation and our development agreement and University Counsel's Charlie Sweet is working on those documents. The Chancellor will work with Deans and Vice Chancellors to decide what kind of person they would like to see at the helm of the foundation with accountability for fundraising goals a major concern.

Kassoy asked about the criteria given to deans regarding cost savings. DiStefano answered that quality should be the number one criteria when looking at areas for consolidation and discontinuance. The question becomes one of what is the magnitude of our need for resources, and we will certainly lobby the state for more money even if C&D pass.

Hauser thanked the Chancellor for coming to speak to the Assembly.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned.