

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting Boulder Faculty Assembly September 26, 2011

Attending

Jerry Peterson, BFA Chair
Bill Emery, BFA Vice Chair
Catherine Kunce, BFA Secretary
Peggy Jobe, BFA Executive Committee Member at Large
Carmen Grace, BFA Academic Affairs Committee Chair
Karen Ramirez, BFA Administrative Services & Technology Committee Chair
Melinda Piket-May, BFA Diversity Committee Chair
Frank Eparvier, BFA Faculty Affairs Committee Representative
Elizabeth Bradley, BFA Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Chair
Martha Hanna, BFA Libraries Committee Chair
Jerry Rudy, BFA Budget and Planning Committee Chair
Joe Rosse, Former BFA Chair
Horst Mewes, Arts and Sciences Council Chair
Bill Kaempfer, Vice Provost, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning
Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator

Not Attending

Conrad Stoldt, BFA Student Affairs Committee former Chair
David Kassoy, Retired Faculty Association Representative
Carly Robinson, CUSG Vice President for Internal Affairs
Steven Koenig, President, United Government of Graduate Students

The BFA Executive Committee held its regular meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011 in ATLAS Room 229. Chair Jerry Peterson presided. The meeting convened at 4:00 and adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

I. Chair's Report

- A. Administrator Appraisal.** The Arts and Sciences Dean has announced his resignation effective next summer. He would have been reviewed by the BFA's Administrator Appraisal process this year. Peterson requested discussion. The Committee decided that the BFA should decline to perform the review.
- B. Faculty Fall Convocation.** The Faculty Fall Convocation will occur this Friday, September 30th in Old Main, at 1:30 p.m. All faculty are invited to attend.
- C. Presidential Task Force on Efficiency.** Peterson has been appointed to the Task Force.
- D. Meeting Cancellation.** The Committee agreed to cancel its next meeting, October 3rd.

II. Committee Items

Nominating and Elections Committee

Kunce reported the following:

- The Nominating and Elections Committee has accepted the nomination of Greg Carey in the upcoming special election to fill the 'at-large' vacancy on the Executive Committee. The Special Election will take place at the BFA meeting on October 6th.
- Nominees' names will be preprinted on the paper ballot if their nominations are made before midnight on October 5th. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
- In the event that no other candidates appear, Kunce will ask the Assembly to suspend its rule requiring secret, written ballots, so that the election can proceed by acclamation.

Discussion followed.

Bylaws Committee

Emery reminded the committee that the Bylaws Committee's motion to revise the Bylaws and Standing Rules will be before the Assembly at its meeting on October 6th.

Discussion followed as to the relative merits of postponing the vote on the motion to the November meeting, and on splitting the motion into two separate motions: one to officially create the BFA's Standing Committee on Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs, and a separate motion to clarify and correct minor errors and inconsistencies throughout the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Emery reported that the committee will send the BFA via email, for its review in advance of the meeting, the revised wording of the charge to the Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee, along with a link to the proposed revised Bylaws and Standing Rules showing all the changes.

BFA Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC)

Committee chair Elizabeth Bradley reported the following:

- CUBAB. The campus created the CU Boulder Athletics Board (CUBAB) several years ago, when the BFA's Intercollegiate Athletics Committee spun off a committee which would report to the Chancellor and would consider athletics policy issues, rather than academics, which is the IAC's focus. The Chancellor recently reconstituted CUBAB after asking for nominations from the BFA. CUBAB will meet twice per year and/or as needed. Its first meeting will be October 11th. The committee's membership is Scott Adler (Political Science faculty), Ceal Barry (Assoc. Athletics Director), Cal Duncan (Business faculty), Katherine Irwin (Human Resources), Martha Hanna (History faculty), Julie Manning (Assoc. Athletic Director for Compliance), Dave Clough (Chemical and Biological Engineering faculty and the Athletic Department's Pac-12 faculty representative), and Elizabeth Bradley (Computer Science faculty).
 - Bradley asked the Executive Committee if there are issues to bring up with CUBAB. Discussion followed. The Committee generally endorsed of the Boulder Campus' increased focus on shared governance with regard to athletics, for example this year's advance planning and good communication in advance of the Friday, November 4th football game, and support for the Chancellor's efforts to keep the Pacific 12 conference from growing into a "Pacific 16."
- The IAC requests the BFA take an active role in letting faculty know about logistics on

the upcoming Friday football game (Friday, November 4th, kick-off 7:00 p.m.).

- Peterson agreed to make an announcement at the upcoming BFA meeting.
- Kaempfer reported that his office will send multiple e-memos to the campus to spread planning information and ask for additional feedback.
- After the game the BFA agreed it should issue an expression of appreciation for the Administration's efforts to minimize the game's impact on academics.
- The IAC recently reviewed a suggestion that the UCB student athletes' class absence policy should be included in the "suggested syllabus items" distributed each year from the Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Affairs, Michael Grant. The IAC instead recommends the BFA take up the issue of whether some of the items on the existing list should be delivered directly to the students from the AVC for Undergraduate Education.
 - Kaempfer suggested asking the Associate Vice Chancellor to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee to begin that conversation.
- The IAC has been discussing opportunities for improved communication between faculty and the athletic department, including invitations to faculty to publicize their accomplishments at sports events, to participate in the coin toss at football games, to volunteer for the existing "guest coach" program and annual academic awards breakfast, to tour athletics facilities, to have lunch with coaches, and to give brown-bag presentations on their work for Athletics Department staff.
 - The Executive Committee expressed support for all these ideas. Peterson suggested the IAC also look into what the BFA might do to reciprocate.

Peterson reported that the National Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) has a board of twelve members, and that COIA has asked the BFA to make a nomination to the board. He added that two members of the COIA board sit on the Pacific-12's steering committee. Discussion followed. Peterson agreed to allow himself to be nominated to the COIA board.

Peterson also reminded the committee that the faculty governance leaders of the Pacific 12 will be meeting on Saturday, October 15th on the Boulder Campus, and asked committee members to please let the BFA office know if they plan to attend.

BFA Administrative Services and Technology Committee (AST)

Committee chair Karen Ramirez reported that the AST met last week, and developed a plan to ask faculty what their prominent concerns are with regard to administrative services, for example campus safety, campus planning, parking and transportation, and/or information technology including Desire 2 Learn and graduate admissions.

Discussion followed. Ramirez agreed to make an announcement at the October BFA meeting, asking members to seek input from their constituents to be sent directly to the AST Committee.

III. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator.