

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Monday, October 17, 2005**

Chair Hauser began with announcements concerning vacancies on Faculty Council committees, a motion passed by Faculty Council on program discontinuance, and he described a letter he sent to President Brown regarding the CU Bookstore's practice of selling booklists to off-campus vendors.

Associate Vice Chancellor and Vice Provost for Academic and Campus

Technology Bobby Schnabel and Registrar Barb Todd presented a information on the SIS Replacement Project. The University of Colorado is one of the last universities to get rid of SIS, now 20 years old, with current options being to keep the old system, roll out our own system, or select a replacement commercial system. Schnabel reported that the cost could be tens of millions of dollars to replace the current system and he suggested that the IT Council and BFA work together on the project, with the mutual goal of keeping the overall cost of the new system as low as possible while ensuring the highest possible functionality. In addition to working groups a campus steering committee needs a representative from the BFA Executive Committee. From a faculty standpoint, a change to a new system would mean improvements with regard to web grading and degree audit. The faculty voiced concerns about usability tests, security, and duplicating the problems that arose when PeopleSoft was introduced to campus. Todd said the intention is to make the new student system look completely different from the business applications of ASP and Peoplesoft, and Hauser concluded that he hoped a "user friendly system" will be a shared value among the project's developers.

Bhagat of the University Benefits Advisory Board handed out a chart showing the range of healthcare plans employees selected this year and the cost increases or decreases for each plan. About two years ago UBAB did an analysis of CU's benefits contribution as compared to that of other schools, and as suspected the administration's contribution was low, so UBAB met with the administration and the result was a significant increase in employer contribution. Bhagat said that ideally the university wants to have as many vendors competing for our business to keep our yearly benefits increase as low as possible and the number of choices high. Buttenfield raised questions about Pacificare's level of service and Bhagat requested that anyone with specific complaints should direct them to him as Pacificare is responsible for the terms of its contract.