

**Boulder Faculty
Assembly
Executive Committee**

**Silver and Gold Record Motion
BFA-X-M-043007**

--Whereas the Faculty Council created the Silver & Gold Record in 1970 as a way to report on the actions of faculty groups and publish University announcements; and

--Whereas, to make Silver & Gold Record a viable publication, a governing (editorial) board was created by the Faculty Council, and later extended to include the Staff Council, to govern the publication and to give it legitimacy that it would not have had otherwise in the minds of the faculty and staff; and

--Whereas a 1994 report commissioned by former President Judith Albino and conducted by an editorial policy review committee headed by former President Roland Rautenstrauss states that changes to newspaper policy made in the early 1970s "tended to place the control of the paper under the editorial board," and that such changes "tended to have been ratified either expressly or implied by a variety of presidents at the time"; and

--Whereas, in 1980, Faculty Council approved a motion stating, "Since the staff and faculty councils, as the elected representatives of their respective bodies, jointly publish the Silver & Gold Record and select its editorial board, it is necessary that they continue to select the editor of the Silver & Gold Record," and

--Whereas that motion states that "the actual function of the newspaper is prior in importance to the technical, financial and organizational considerations" and that the "Faculty Council moves that the final selection process of the editor be conducted by the Silver & Gold Record editorial board"; and

--Whereas shared governance is described as the foundation of a strong university and the S&GR Editorial Board has been credited by a North Central Association accrediting team as a very positive and important example of support for faculty and staff shared governance; and

--Whereas that same NCA team said the editorial board's oversight and appointment of the editor is another positive element and an example of delegating responsibility to the appropriate level; and

--Whereas the 12-member editorial board includes the chair of Faculty Council, the chair of University of Colorado Staff Council, representatives appointed by the four faculty assemblies and four campus staff councils, a faculty member from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and a system administration appointee, bringing a broad range of viewpoints from the newspaper's constituents; and

--Whereas the S&GR editor position is currently classified in the state personnel system, and neither the editor nor the editorial board has requested that the position be reviewed for possible exempt-professional status because of a long-held stance that the editor position should not be at-will but should be given the protections and due-process rights afforded to state classified employees.

Be it now resolved that the Boulder Faculty Assembly requests that any new Administrative Policy Statement regarding the S&GR:

- a) honors the intent of the history noted above,
- b) maintains the current diverse representation on, and responsibilities of the Editorial Board with regard to editorial policy, including maintaining the current policy of direct appointments to the Editorial Board by the Faculty Assembly and Staff Council at each university within the CU system,
- c) continues to delegate from the President to the Editorial Board, through its Chair, the responsibility for selecting the S&GR editor, after consultation with the President,
- d) maintains the editor's position as a Classified Staff position.

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