

**Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, December 4, 2006**

Chair Jerry Hauser called the meeting to order at 3:30.

The minutes of November 13, 2006 were accepted as distributed.

- A. Special Report – IT Campus Wide Strategic Plan  
Chair Hauser introduced Bobby Schnabel, Vice Provost & Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and Campus Technology and ATLAS Director. Schnabel passed out copies of the IT Campus Wide Strategic Plan Executive Summary. This strategic plan, which is required by the CCHE every four years, provides a roadmap of IT initiatives the campus should undertake to support the campus mission. He then reviewed six recommendations which have emerged as the highest priority.
1. Enhance security and efficiency by developing a unified IT architecture and set of central data services.
  2. Develop funding models that provide appropriate renewal and replacement funding for strategic IT infrastructure components. This includes: the data network, smart classrooms and core servers (email, web, and LMS).
  3. Develop a New Data Network Funding and Usage Model
  4. Research Computing – a collaborative solution for high performance computing would maximize the resources of multiple departments, minimize duplication of efforts across campus, and significantly strengthen the campus' ability to respond to research opportunities for high performance computing.
  5. Teaching Innovation within the Classroom
  6. Greater Email Coordination and Centralization
- B. Chairs Report
- Status of the Academic Affairs Committee Academic Rigor Report – President Brown sent a memo on class ranking to the three university Chancellors leaving implementation of the policy up to the Chancellors. The policy is that students, if they request it, can receive their class ranking. President Brown sent another memo on the topic of academic rigor asking the Chancellors to provide a report at the end of the academic year indicating how the various schools and colleges of the universities are engaged in assessment of the quality of their undergraduate curriculum.
  - “List of 23” – This list, prepared by Jeff Mitton, has been passed onto President Brown who has indicated that he will form a study group to look at lists of tasks and training faculty have been assigned. Hauser met with University Controller Mary Catherine Gaisbauer to discuss this and has invited Candice Bowen and Joanne McDevitt, Associate Vice President and System-wide Management Training and Compliance Officer, to join Gaisbauer to discuss this with the Executive Committee on February 12, 2007.
  - Instructor’s Bill of Rights- This is not a policy because the Chancellor never signed off on it. For legal reasons the word “promotion” must be changed to “appointment.” The clause under discussion is: “Lecturers who have taught at 50% or more for at least three consecutive years may be considered by their unit for promotion to instructor.”

- Faculty Council revision of Faculty Senate Bylaws – These revisions are prompted by two considerations: 1) It’s been a while since they have been revised; and 2) The Estes Report on tenure related processes raised concerns that need to be addressed, especially dismissal for cause.
- VPAAR search – The process was problematic and there is discussion with the Chief of Staff about executive searches, the ways committees are chosen, the involvement of faculty assembly chairs in the nomination process, and the Chair of Faculty Council’s involvement in the selection process of faculty who serve on committees.
- Reorganization/redefinition of the Campus Athletic Board (CAB) now called the University of Colorado at Boulder Athletic Board UCBAB –
  - a. Delineation of duties has been sorted out with sufficient overlap (4 members in common) between the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee and UCBAB.
  - b. Job description for the faculty athletics representative (FAR) to the NCAA is clarified. He will coordinate, meet with and report to UCBAB and IAC.
  - c. Requirement that the FAR will provide an annual written report to the BFA and will appear to explain it and answer any questions.
  - d. Faculty participation in searches for high profile coaches will be the FAR.
- Chancellor Peterson has decided that the A&S planned salary correction, which was to be phased in over three years, will occur all at once as a mid-year correction this year. This significant salary adjustment should reduce the salary drain off the top.

C. Committee Report – BFA Academic Affairs Committee  
 “A Common Drop Date for Boulder-Campus Courses”

The likelihood that different drop dates for courses may continue to proliferate on the Boulder campus prompted this committee to review the recent history of drop dates, consider the consequences of multiple drop dates, and offer a resolution concerning a return to a common drop date for the campus.

There followed discussion of the proposed resolution and it was amended to read:  
*The BFA Academic Affairs Committee urges all schools and colleges to suspend discussion of adopting their own drop date until the faculty has had an opportunity to discuss a uniform drop date that respects and balances, in so far as is possible, the various needs of those schools and colleges, that bears in mind the logistical and financial implications for the campus, and that addresses the teaching and learning needs of faculty and students.*

It was moved and seconded that this amended language be forwarded to the full Assembly for discussion on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.