

Attendance:

Chair John Daily presiding, Vice Chair Cathy Comstock, Secretary Robert Schulzinger, Sanjai Bhagat, Barbara Bintliff, John Cary, Greg Carey, Dick Ham, Bob Hohlfelder, Uriel Nauenberg, Mike Preston, Martha Jo Sani, Rebekka Struik, Phil Tompkins

A meeting of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee was held on Monday, February 23, 1998, in Porter Biosciences Room B121. Chair John Daily presided. The meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. and adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

*MOVED by Bintliff and seconded by Hohlfelder that the minutes of the 02/16/98 BFA Executive Committee meetings are approved following corrections as follows:*

*Page 2, last paragraph, first sentence should read:*

*Hohlfelder commented on the lack of interest from the director of the alumni association to support faculty visitation to alumni associations while traveling as a means of fundraising.*

*Page 2, last paragraph, third sentence should read:*

*Schulzinger believes that Zimmerman has concluded that because of the lack of attendance for a talk by chancellor Byyny and Nobel Prize winner Thomas Check scheduled in Denver, people do not want to hear what faculty have to say.*

*Page 3, Item E., last paragraph, second sentence should read:*

*Schulzinger reported that currently the plan is in balance and if it remains so for the rest of the year, there should not be significant increases for Gold, Select Care, Catastrophic, or the Medicare Supplement.*

*The motion carried.*

**B. Announcements**

**Program discontinuance**

Daily reported that after debate at the Regents meeting, Regent Robb postponed vote on his motion for one month to give the faculty additional opportunity to make suggestions. Nauenberg distributed copies of the Robb motion documents (available in the BFA office) and reported on

the wording issues. Nauenberg reported that initially the only condition for program discontinuance was financial exigency (essentially defined as bankruptcy) and that it is now suggested by Robb to add the following four conditions, none of which were defined appropriately:

1. strategic realignment
2. research reallocation
3. budget constraints
4. combinations of educational strategies and financial reasons

Nauenberg reported that the motion has not yet been considered by the Regents and that Faculty Council recommended that items A., B., C., and D., be taken out and replaced with financial exigency.

Discussion followed. Daily commented that the reasons are appropriate for program discontinuance but the issue is the process that leads to making the decision. Nauenberg expressed his concern that in the motion the involvement of the faculty was reduced to a minimum. Hohlfelder commented that the motion opens the door for making decisions about programs that are based strictly on bottom line and dollars. Hohlfelder further commented that the University is more than that and that it's important to have the option to argue that we have a program in linguistics, etc., because the University should do it, even if the numbers don't justify it. Daily stated that CCHE has identified 15 programs and we have an automatic protect of five of them and that we will have to make the choice of which 5 we protect and how strategically we position ourselves on the other 15.

Daily suggested the BFA recommend a procedure that is faculty dominated that looks at programs every year and makes recommendations in a way that assures the Regents that we are looking at program discontinuance in a rational way.

Greg Carey commented that the possibility that this, as it is, can be used at times of severe budget constraints to cut programs relatively capriciously without faculty input is of concern. Carey suggested that getting finances away from program determination could be a possible solution.

Daily suggested presenting a proposition to the Chancellor at the CEC meeting on March 4 that could then be taken to Faculty Council. Daily asked Preston, Hohlfelder and Tompkins to meet with him Wednesday morning at 8:00 and come up with a proposal.

Bintliff suggested asking for time to strengthen program review, to bring that in to the reallocation process and recognize the role of faculty as the academic governance body and take on its cloak of authority.

Ham said that there needs to be a campus wide overview and push as much as possible for faculty to make primary decisions.

Schulzinger suggested using the new BFA committee structure to see if there is an appropriate body to review programs.

### **C. ASP**

Daily announced that a draft business plan for ASP will be available next week. The majority of the BFA Executive Committee meeting on Monday, March 9, will be devoted to ASP and the capital campaign. Daily stated that the chair of BFA will now sit on the capital campaign committee for priority setting. Daily reported that the president will attend the April 9 BFA Executive Committee meeting to discuss TLE and the capital campaign.

### **D. Committee Assignments**

Daily asked for approval of Debra Hayes from Music to serve on the Faculty Council P&T committee. The executive committee agreed to have Hayes serve after Daily contacts Bob Fink for a reference.

### **E. Grade Reporting**

After discussion on a letter Daily drafted to Paul Levitt regarding the grading policy, the Executive committee agreed to forward the letter to Levitt.

### **F. CAPPS**

Daily will forward the issue of what may and may not be done on University computer servers to CAPPS.

### **G. Assembly Meetings**

Daily asked the executive committee members to think of a way to structure the assembly meetings in a way that will give guests more time for questions and answers without interfering with the business of the assembly.

### **H. BFA Restructure**

The executive committee agreed to discuss the inclusion of ASC representation on the BFA Executive Committee.

### **I. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee will be on Monday, March 9, 1998 in Porter Biosciences Room B121 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.