

Attendance:

Chair John Daily presiding, Vice Chair Cathy Comstock, Secretary Robert Schulzinger, Sanjai Bhagat, Barbara Bintliff, Tom Geers, Dick Ham, Bob Hohlfelder, Mike Preston, Rebekka Struik
Guests: Ellen Glover, Russ McGoodwin, John Bruning

A meeting of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee was held on Monday, March 30, 1998, in Porter Biosciences Room B121. Chair John Daily presided. The meeting convened at 3:32 p.m. and adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

A. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Bintliff and seconded by Preston that the minutes of the 03/16/98 BFA Executive Committee meetings are approved.

The motion carried.

B. Announcements

Daily announced that he would leave the excom meeting early in order to attend a meeting of faculty currently unhappy with their dean. Daily proposed that during the meeting, he would offer BFA services in developing a strategy for re-appointment appraisal of deans.

Daily reported that Chancellor Byyny has stated that the budget looks good this year and that a few more projects have been presented to the capital appropriations committee. Daily stated that there is currently no program plan for a new science library and that it can not be considered at any level in the decision-making process. Daily further stated that program plans must be submitted in May, to the Regents who then approve or disapprove of the program plan in June and present to the legislature. The soonest a program plan could be submitted is May 1999, and considered for funding by the legislature in 2000. Daily asked Dick Ham, Chair of the BFA Libraries Committee, to have the committee help the Dean of the Libraries generate a science library concept and program plan.

Daily announced that the chair of the BFA will be a member of SCAG (strategic capital assessment group), the final group that signs off on capital plans.

C. Policy Statement on Religious Holidays

Daily asked that the BFA Executive Committee review the attached information from Peter Spear regarding the observance of religious holidays for students at UCB. Daily commented that

CAPPS has reviewed the policy and agrees with it. Please respond to Daily by e-mail at **Error! Bookmark not defined.** so that he may respond to dean Spear as soon as possible.

D. Committee Appointments

PMAC (Parking Management Advisory Committee) has requested the names of two or three faculty representatives to serve on the committee.

After discussion, the following names were suggested:

Martin Goldman, Physics, 2-8896

Martha Jo Sani, Libraries, 2-2021

Cathy Comstock will contact Carol Scolari (2-7576) with names of faculty that have agreed to serve.

E. BFA Restructure

Daily stated that he does not have bylaws language from Cliff Calhoun regarding the restructure and may not have it before the BFA meeting on April 2.

At this time, Daily left the meeting and Vice Chair Comstock took over as chair.

F. Report from Russ McGoodwin

McGoodwin reported on the upcoming Residents Academic Program retreat and asked how the BFA would like to be involved.

After discussion, the BFA Executive Committee agreed that Cathy Comstock would be the liaison at the April 10 retreat. The retreat will be held in ECAD 150 from 8:00 to 12:00.

McGoodwin discussed the graduation committee for athletics created by the Chancellor. McGoodwin suggested the development of a partnership between athletics and academics. Preston commented that there is currently a policy for those players who miss more than one class. McGoodwin responded that they have a policy but it does not seem to be enforced.

McGoodwin reported that he chairs the teaching evaluation committee (FCQs) and the concern that FCQs are used as the basis for annual merit review, often the only source of information. McGoodwin also expressed the concern of the FCQ choice discriminators and discussed some alternatives. McGoodwin discussed items number 6 and 7 on the FCQs regarding sensitivity to students and issues of diversity. Question 6 asks about the professor's sensitivity toward students of ethnicity. Question 7 asks about the professor's sensitivity toward issues of ethnicity. Schulzinger suggested having two questions for number 6 as follows:

- a. Does the professor treat everyone with sensitivity?

- b. Does the professor treat everyone with sensitivity without regard to ethnicity, gender, disability, etc.?

McGoodwin commented that Regental rule states that some sort of student of faculty is necessary each year.

Bhagat suggested that what other measures are to be used for merit review should be pointed out.

McGoodwin discussed the issues of enrollment management and how to grow from a campus of 25,000 to 27,000. The projection is based upon the future freshman class of Colorado residents.

McGoodwin asked that BFA members contact him with comments and suggestions by e-mail at **Error! Bookmark not defined..**

G. Faculty/Staff New Web Site

Ellen Glover, managing editor of the CU home page, distributed a draft of the proposed internal web site for UCB. Glover reported that internal web sites for comparable institutions have been reviewed and show that a site should serve two, large, diverse audiences, the main external marketing tool (admissions and academic sites) and an internal communications tool.

Glover asked that faculty contact her at **Error! Bookmark not defined.** or 2-0318 with suggestions for the web site that would make it easier to find information about, for example, UCB, central administration, events, or the state of Colorado.

Hohlfelder asked what, if any, was the relationship with the new web site and ASP. Glover responded that at this time, ASP has not approached them.

Ham suggested that web pages have minimal graphics and minimal loading, Bintliff agreed, stating that for internal use light graphics would be preferred, particularly by those not having updated computers. Glover responded that the internal web site would be planned in that way. Suggestions were made to create two versions, to which Glover responded that she did not have appropriate funding for such a project.

Schulzinger suggested that the faculty handbook be a part of the internal web site as well as regulations for promotion and tenure, the professional responsibilities document, and all UCB policies. Schulzinger also suggested including appeals, complaints, petitions, etc.

Glover said that she does not have appropriate funding to do all that is being requested and asked if the BFA could go through channels, perhaps ASP, for additional funding for a more extensive internal web site and a more efficient search engine for the UCB home page.

H. Facilities Management Report

Tom Geers introduced John Bruning of Facilities Management to discuss the issue of acrobatic skateboarding on campus. Bruning displayed several slides indicating the damage to campus property caused by acrobatic skating and skateboarding. Bruning discussed the costs involved to replace damaged property and the penalties as outlined in the proposed campus policy on acrobatic skating and skateboarding. As part of the proposed policy:

- a. acrobatic skating and skateboarding would be prohibited on campus
- b. offenders would be fined \$50 and ticketed as a violation of campus parking rules and regulations
- c. skates or skateboards may be impounded until positive identification is secured or until the fine is paid
- d. repeat offenses may result in exclusion on campus or referral to judicial affairs

Posting and notification would be handled by gluing circular signs onto the pavement or concrete stating that acrobatic skating or skateboarding is prohibited on campus. Bruning stated that CU police rather than county court would enforce the policy.

Hohlfelder expressed the concern of skating and skateboarding inside the buildings and asked that the prohibition of the use of skates and skateboards be a part of the new policy.

McGoodwin suggested that future railings and benches be constructed so that "long rides" would no longer be possible.

Bintliff suggested public relations directed toward the high schools. Bruning responded that they have been in touch with the City of Boulder and that the PMAC committee will meet with parks and recreation personnel and discuss education and some sort of "pressure relief valve" that would provide the skaters with an appropriate place for acrobatic skating.

Schulzinger asked if other campuses noticed that damage went down as sanctions and policies were enforced. Bruning does not have data at this time.

Bruning asked that faculty contact him at **Error! Bookmark not defined.** with comments and suggestions.

Bruning will present the issue during the BFA meeting on April 2 and ask for BFA endorsement of the proposed policy.

I. Instructors Bill of Rights

Comstock distributed copies of the revised Instructors Bill of Rights and pointed out the changes having to do with market factors.

Bintliff asked that the second paragraph under "Several overarching concerns:" be changed from ". . .regardless of origin of Ph.D." to ". . .regardless of origin of Ph.D. or relevant terminal degree.

.. " Comstock responded that she would make the change and present the document to the BFA during the April 2 meeting.

J. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee will be on Monday, April 6, 1998 in Porter Biosciences Room B121 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please note that President Buechner will attend the April 6 meeting to discuss TLE.