

Executive Committee  
Boulder Faculty Assembly  
Minutes  
May 4, 1998

Attendance:

Vice Chair Cathy Comstock presiding, Secretary Robert Schulzinger, Barbara Bintliff, Greg Carey, Richard Ham, Bob Hohlfelder, Mike Preston, Martha Jo Sani, Rebekka Struik, Bobby Schnabel and Jeff Lipton

A meeting of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee was held on Monday, May 4, 1998, in Porter Biosciences Room B118. Vice Chair Cathy Comstock presided. The meeting convened at 3:35 p.m. and adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

*MOVED by Preston and seconded by Hohlfelder that the minutes of the 04203/98 BFA Executive Committee meetings are approved after correcting Adam Goodman's name.*

*The motion carried.*

**B. Report from BFA Vice Chair**

**Newly elected BFA officers**

Vice chair Comstock announced the following BFA officers and BFA member representatives to standing committees. (NOTE: changes have been made since the meeting and are recorded below.)

**Officers**

Chair	John Daily
Vice Chair	Robert Schulzinger
Secretary	Barbara Bintliff
At-large	Cathy Comstock John Cooper

**BFA member representatives to standing committees:**

Administrator Appraisal	Tom Geers Cortlandt Pierpondt (newly elected and accepted)
Budget	John Cooper Uriel Nauenberg (newly elected Budget chair)
CAPPS	Claudio Cioffi (not yet confirmed) Gerard Hauser (accepted)
Faculty Compensation and Benefits	Sanjai Bhagat

	Hon-Yim Ko (accepted)
Intercollegiate Athletics	Ted Snow
	Vacancy
Libraries	Thomas Hollweck (re-elected and accepted)
	Vacancy
Minority Affairs	Bill Atkinson (accepted)
	Vacancy
Professional Responsibilities	Paul Levitt (accepted)
	Vacancy
Women	Kayann Short
	Barbara Bintliff

### C. Open Forum

#### **Mike Preston**

Mike Preston discussed the problem that administration is not enough aware of the BFA and the charges of the BFA standing committees. Preston stated as an example that the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs created an administrative committee on the graduation rate of student athletes and that the BFA Intercollegiate Athletics committee has been dealing with that issue for over a year as well as the NCAA investigation. Preston stated that the VCAA simply handed Russ McGoodwin a list of faculty to contact to form the committee. Preston stated that there was no real awareness that the BFA had a committee dealing with this same issue. Preston added that the BFA has a difficult time finding faculty to serve when there are so many other administrative committees asking them to serve.

Preston agreed to discuss the issue with the VCAA, Comstock also agreed to discuss the issue with the VCAA.

#### **Bob Schulzinger**

Schulzinger discussed the proposal from the benefits administrators and asked executive committee members to forward the proposal to their departments. Schulzinger said that most of the comments have been negative. Schulzinger asked the comments be directed toward specific items of the proposal.

Bintliff asked if all the steps of the proposal needed to be taken in order to keep prices in line. Schulzinger responded that he believes that all steps do not need to be taken. Schulzinger reported that Takeuchi stated that the three month figures indicate that plans are going as expected. Schulzinger said if they could find a way of squeezing \$3 million out of the plan, that prices would not need to go up. Schulzinger said that Takeuchi asked if it would be preferable to have fewer options and a modest premium, or to have more options at a higher premium. Schulzinger stated that private insurance plans would see very high premium increases this year.

Schulzinger reported that the health benefits audit is not ready but may be sometime next week.

### **Cathy Comstock**

Comstock suggested the bylaws regarding the elections be changed so that those nominated for BFA seats are required to have only two signatures, those of the nominator and the person being nominated.

Ham stated that the original intent was to avoid a cluttered ballot, but that isn't necessary at this time.

After discussion, Comstock agreed to suggest the change to John Daily for consideration.

### **Greg Carey**

Greg Carey, co-chair of the Administrator Appraisal Committee, reported that the first 5 years of data from the committee has been analyzed. Carey stated that a report would be distributed to the BFA Executive Committee next fall. Carey reported that administrators with a consistent "D" average are no longer at CU. Carey stated that the comments and grades are no better or worse than those of the FCQs.

## **C. Report from Bobby Schnabel and Jeff Lipton**

Schnabel reported on the Information Technology Council. Schnabel stated that the council is really a CIO (chief information officer) by committee. Schnabel commented that when Mark Dubin stepped down, the Chancellor decided not to fill the position, but rather to have a committee to manage CIO activities. Schnabel is chair of the committee and the members are:

- Michael Grant, President Teaching Scholar
- MaryAnn Shea, Faculty Teaching Excellence Program
- Ken Klingenstein, ITS head
- Jim Williams, Libraries Dean
- Dennis Maloney, Telecom head
- Dennis Saunders, student affairs rep
- Bill Herbstreit, administration rep
- Jeff Lipton, ex-officio rep of strategic planning

Schnabel stated that there is some ASP representation within the group and that Judd Hurd will attend meetings when topics include ASP or ASP related issues.

Schnabel reported that some of the issues that the CIO committee would be working on are the networking of residence halls for cable TV and academics, and to determine at what point would UCB require undergrads to use computers. Schnabel stated that almost two-thirds bring them and that there is a stage when it becomes an equity issue for financial aid.

Schnabel reported that Lipton would lead a strategic planning process that would be about the infrastructural support, policy, governance issues as opposed to the academic technology

(ATLAS) or the administrative and student support issues (ASP, SIS). The process will determine what resources, structures, policies, etc. are needed.

Schnabel reported that he and DiStefano did a rough calculation to supply faculty with computers and personnel that would help with operation and instruction and presented the figure (\$2-million, approximately) to the Chancellor. The Chancellor responded positively and has already started with some one-time funding toward the project. Schnabel warned that the question of fairness and the issues surrounding that would require much BFA discussion.

Preston asked if Schnabel had reviewed the task force report by Oliver McBrien. Schnabel responded that he had, but that Jeff Lipton was more familiar with the details of the report.

Bob Hohlfelder expressed concern as to whether or not ASP, ATLAS, ITS planning, etc., would be compatible without having huge overlaps in expenditures. Schnabel responded that if such a committee exists, it is newly developed or in the process of being developed and that the overlap and compatibility issues are part of the process to be worked out in the fall. Hohlfelder asked if the other campuses of CU are doing something similar. Schnabel responded that they are and that the issue of standards will have to be faced, less on academics and more on administration.

Lipton reported that the strategic planning budget was an issue from the beginning and that it forced them to go back and look at what had been done before. Lipton reported that the purpose of the project is to look at the physical infrastructure, the organizational infrastructure and the cost issues of providing the kind of robust information technology that is being requested by the faculty to support administrative systems and meet student needs. Lipton reported that funding principles would be discussed and that the engineering of the project would come later.

Lipton stated that information regarding the vision would be posted on a web page soon, asking for faculty feedback. Lipton stated that the time line for a draft report is the end of July.

Carey asked if the rumor that the science library building had been kicked down in terms of priority for an IT building, or something to be built. Schnabel responded that the science library had not been on the list to commence a program planning process. Ham interrupted stating that the previous chancellor booted it and felt it wasn't important. Schnabel assured that it had not been booted recently and that it is now on the list for a program plan. Schnabel further stated that the program plans projected for next year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of 5 stages for Porter renovation would be completed, then the new engineering discovery learning center and the new ATLAS campus center, but the actual order has not been decided.

Comstock commented about MCI and the problems with e-mail at home and asked if there was a way to create more support for faculty. Schnabel responded that it would be part of the plan but that it hasn't been completely researched at this point. Lipton pointed out that one of the problems was that the MCI sign-up rate was much too low and that they will begin to look at other vendors.

Ham commented that when considering a new system there should be recommended standards that the new system will support. Lipton responded that they would recommend standards but still give a choice.

## **F. BFA Standing Committee Reports**

### **Budget**

Robert Hohlfelder reported that the BFA Budget Committee has elected Uriel Nauenberg as chair for the coming year. Hohlfelder stated that the committee has been encouraging the administrative process to start earlier and that will be the case. Hohlfelder reported that one of the missions of the BFA Budget Committee would be UCB budgetary priorities. Hohlfelder commented that there is currently no committee doing the oversight for the new system and that the budget committee has decided that if no other committee is created to do this, they would.

Greg Carey asked about the rumors surrounding the SIS figure. Hohlfelder responded that the figure at this point is a rumor and that the first round of consultants hired does not seem to have a master plan.

### **Faculty Compensation and Benefits**

Martha Sani announced that a draft of the retirement phase out would be distributed soon.

## **F. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee will be announced.