Boulder Faculty Assembly
Executive Committee Meeting
January 26, 2015

Attending:
Paul Chinowsky, Chair Tad Pfeffer, INSTAAR
Bob Ferry, Vice Chair Philip Chang, Music
Bill Kaempfer, Associate Vice Chancellor Greg Carey, Psychology
Adam Norris, Applied Mathematics Jerry Peterson, Physics
Peggy Jobe, Libraries Joe Jupille, Political Science
Rolf Norgaard, Writing & Rhetoric Jeff Weiss, Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences
Monika Fleshner, Integrative Physiology Catherine Labio, Arts & Science Council
Horst Mewes, Political Science Laura Michaelson, UGGS Executive VP
David Kassoy, Retired Faculty John Lurquin, UGGS President
Paul Voakes, Journalism Steve Vanderheiden, Political Science
Melinda Piket-May, Electrical Engineering Marty Walter, Mathematics
Carmen Grace, French & Italian Wyatt Ryder, CUSG Chief of Staff
Carrie Olson, BFA Assistant Haley Goddard, BFA Student Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM by Paul Chinowsky.

Chair’s Report – Paul Chinowsky

- New Head of HR
  - Scott Morris
  - Change in reporting structure
- Space Technologies
  - This is the new Grand Challenge for CU
  - Looking at interdisciplinary opportunities that this technology can offer
  - Steven Leigh and Waleed Abdalati are co-chairing: Contact if interested
- Faculty Council
  - Tuition benefit still being discussed
    - Proposal in works
    - Still being discussed if system help with financial benefit?
- New Retirement program being put in place - Peggy Jobe
  - Currently more than 300 options
  - Goal: Make more efficient/reduce fees
  - Proposal was created for a vendor to administer the options
    - Reduced to 18 options
    - Information sessions will be held in February/March
    - Rollout is July 1, 2015
    - Invite Lisa Landis to a meeting
- Campus Renovations in Progress
  - Potential temporary displacement
- Change in Orientation
Online registration will occur throughout summer with accessible help (one-on-one with advisor)
There will be an open house day similar to Admitted Students Day
Welcome Week will be extended a few days
Goal: Better academic preparation for freshman

Committee Charges - Paul Chinowsky

- Student Affairs
  - Work with student governance to come up with a plan for climate discussion follow-up
- Faculty Affairs
  - Address problem with grievance procedures
    - People don’t know how to go through process
    - Need clear statement about how procedure should work
    - Need for education
- Diversity
  - Need consolidated idea of collaborative diversity plan
  - Work with Student Affairs about climate survey follow-up
- Academic Affairs
  - Pursue consistency in use of annual evaluations
- Athletics
  - Develop communications plan/process
- Libraries
  - Need to re-evaluate representation
- Elections
  - How do we handle the new College of Media, Communication, and Information
- Instructors
  - On track
- Administrative Services and Technology
  - Need to work on plan/agreement with OIT about work in academics (education technologies)
    - Faculty need more of a say

Excellence Awards Update – Carmen Grace

- Changes made last year that will continue this year
  - Nomination procedure adjusted to provide better opportunities for the representation of more units, regardless of size
  - Selection committee made of ExCom members instead of previous awardees
  - Paul Chinowsky to send out the call for nominations

Online Education – Catherine Labio

- An article appeared in the Daily Camera about new online degree programs in Psychology and English
• Departments were vaguely told that there were errors in the article, but no formal retraction/corrections have been made
• The creation of degrees is a departmental/faculty prerogative
• Paul Chinowsky suggested the Academic Affairs committee and Catherine Labio should confer on the issue

Administrator Appraisal – Greg Carey
• Leigh survey
  o The data is in and the subcommittee is writing the report
    ▪ Will be completed by mid-February
    ▪ Next week will know when report can be presented to ExCom

Faculty Affairs Committee Discussion – Marty Walter
• Need to communicate to the P&T committee the factual errors in Barnett report
• Need to communicate that CU has no exact procedure for appealing ODH procedure
• There has been a charge to the BFA Faculty Affairs committee to look at the grievance procedure

Budget Committee Discussion – Monika Fleshner
• Asked by Kelly Fox to create list of potential future investments
  o Student transition to university living
  o Continued undergraduate enrichment/research projects with faculty
  o Investigation/improvement of RAPs
    ▪ Addressing potential discrimination against students with high financial needs
  o Research enhancements
  o Type of award for non-grant funded professional development
• Motion by Jerry Peterson that the BFA ExCom strongly supports the recommendations of the Budget committee.
  o Seconded by Bob Ferry
  o Vote was unanimous with one abstention

New Business
• Next meeting we will discuss nominations/elections
  o Nominations for officers due in March with the election held at the April General Meeting
• New Regent will be at the next general meeting and will be available for questions

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm by Paul Chinowsky.

Submitted by Haley Goddard, BFA Student Assistant.