Boulder Faculty Assembly
Executive Committee Meeting
February 2, 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 Fleschner, Integrative Physiology  Laura Michaelson, UGGS Executive VP
David Kassoy, Retired Faculty  Paul Voakes, Journalism
Steve Vanderheiden, Political Science  Marty Walter, Mathematics
Carrie Olson, BFA Assistant  Haley Goddard, BFA Student Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Paul Chinowsky.

Announcements – Paul Chinowsky
- New website active
- Kris Livingston reported that student athletes had best to-date collective GPA
- Recommendations were given about Barnett report to P&T
- Deans Council
  - Clause for faculty who desire to take an entrepreneurial break
    - No penalty to tenure status
    - If tenured, must give proposal to Dean to submit for approval from the Provost
    - Instructors not yet included
  - Discussion
    - Questions about benefits,
      - Distinction from previous procedure for taking leave
    - Issue with library licenses
      - Access to research is not to be used for business purposes

Committee Updates

Humanities
- Written motion for Ad-hoc committee on Humanities to examine issues with enrollment in Arts and Humanities
- Discussion
  - Issue expands beyond Humanities
  - Obstacles with Regents working to "professionalize" CU by emphasizing engineering, business, education, etc. with the belief that the purpose of higher education is to get jobs rather than developing the ability to learn
• Desire for data on where Humanities students get jobs
• Need to ensure focus is on students

• Charge:
The BFA has determined that there is a significant need to learn more about the current state of the enrollment in Arts and Humanities on the Boulder campus. The ad-hoc Committee on Humanities will report to the BFA by the end of the spring semester 2015. Faculty who would like to participate in the organization of a committee that will research and report to the BFA on this topic are invited to make their interest known to Paul Chinowsky, the chair of the BFA. The BFA has voted to 1) acquire precise information about CU Humanities enrollment patterns; 2) compare these patterns with those of peer institutions; 3) solicit the comments and opinions of humanities faculty about instruction and enrollments; 4) solicit the comments and opinions of students; 5) review the humanities profile as it forms part of the CU Boulder image; and 6) gather suggestions for reforms, changes, initiatives, etc.

Student Affairs
• Written charge for committee to work with student government on social climate discussions/surveys follow-up
• Charge:
In an effort to continue and formalize actions resulting from the fall 2014 semester campus discussions on social climate, the Student Affairs Committee is charged with working with student government to:
1) Understand the results from the graduate student social climate survey and undergraduate social climate survey
2) Investigate how the results from the above surveys can be integrated into broader campus action plans
3) Determine appropriate actions that can be taken by the ____ to put into place suggestions that originated from the social climate discussions
4) Consider how actions and suggestions originating from the staff council resolutions can be integrated into the broader campus and how to continue discussions with staff council
5) Make a report by the end of spring semester 2015 on near-term actions that might be put into place in the fall semester 2015

Faculty Affairs
• Written charge for committee to develop a document that will inform and guide faculty when dealing with a potential grievance
• Charge:
The Faculty Affairs Committee is charged with developing a concise and clear document that informs and guides faculty when they have a potential grievance or are involved in a grievance, at the departmental, school/college, and/or campus/university level. The committee is asked to determine where grievance procedures are unclear or missing in
current campus documents. The committee should provide guidance to faculty on what are grievable circumstances and what issues are outside the officially recognized process. The committee shall consult with the Ombuds office to determine what procedures may be in place at the current time. The committee is asked to report back to the BFA with initial findings by the close of spring semester 2015.

**Elections – Adam Norris**

- **Procedure**
  - BFA At-Large
    - Available: 4 seats
    - Nominated and elected by the entire campus senate
  - Committees
    - Available: Many seats (including the recently filled seats)
    - Nominated by the senate
    - Elected by BFA members
  - There is ambiguous wording in bylaws so the elections committee will be utilizing the procedure as described

- **Timeline**
  - Call for nominations for At-Large and committee seats
    - Opens: This week
    - Closes: February 20, 2015 at 11:59 pm
  - Elections for at-large and committee seats:
    - Opens: March 6, 2015
    - Closes: March 22, 2015 at 11:59 pm
  - Timeline for officer nominations will be after March 22, 2015
    - Details TBD

**New business**

- General BFA Meeting this Thursday in Wolf Law (the new location for the semester)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm by Paul Chinowsky.

Submitted by Haley Goddard, BFA Student Assistant.