Boulder Faculty Assembly
General Meeting
February 5, 2015

Attendance

BFA Members Attending
Robin Bernstein Carmen Grace Jim Meiss Karen Ramirez
Max Boykoff Vicki Grove Horst Mewes Aaron Roof
Greg Carey Aya Gruber Steve Nerem Gesel Mason
Philip Chang Peggy Jobe Roseanna Neupauer Bryan Taylor
Paul Chinowsky Joe Jupille Susan Nevelow Mart Paul Voakes
Mel Cundiff Dave Kassoy Alastair Norcross Marty Walter
Beth Dusinberre Dan Kellogg Adam Norris Jeff Weiss
Bob Ferry Faye Kleeman Melinda Piket-May Tim Weston
Maw Der Foo Kevin Mahan Hillary Potter Ping Xu

BFA Members Not Attending
Bridget Dalton Dave Kassoy Robert Nauman Alex Sweetman
Mike Dunn Hun Shik Kim Rolf Norgaard Steve Vanderheiden
Monika Fleshner Roger King Jerry Peterson Deborah Whitehead
Phil Graves Mike Klymkowsky Tad Pfeffer Wendy Young
Ruth Heisler Se-Hee Lee Cortlandt Pierpont
Seth Hornstein Jeannie Liotta Mike Ritzwoller
Matt Jelacic Shivakant Mishra Seth Spielman

Liaisons Attending
Dominique De Vangel, Staff Council

Guests and Observers Attending
Alexis Macklin, Libraries
Linda Shoemaker, Regent
Bronson Hilliard, University Communications
Sarah Kuta, Daily Camera

The Boulder Faculty Assembly held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015, in the Wolf Law Building, room 206. BFA Chair, Paul Chinowsky, presided. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm and adjourned at 5:25 pm.

I. Chair’s Report – Paul Chinowsky

a. December minutes approved electronically

b. Announcements
   • New website is now up and running
   • Nominations for BFA Excellence Awards are due February 17, 2015
• Faculty Recognition Awards
  o Make nominations on the website
• Look for news on orientation changes
• Anthem Health security breach

II. Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2015 – Kelly Fox
• Breakdown of budget and financial status of Boulder campus

III. Newly Elected Regent Introduction – Linda Shoemaker
• Ms. Shoemaker introduced herself and provided information regarding her recent election to the Board of Regents

IV. Elections Update – Adam Norris
• There are three parts for the Spring 2015 elections
  o At-large members
  o Standing committee members
  o Officers

V. New Committee Charges – Paul Chinowsky
• Ad-hoc Committee on Humanities
  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
  o acquire precise information about CU Humanities enrollment patterns;
  o compare these patterns with those of peer institutions;
  o solicit the comments and opinions of humanities faculty about instruction and enrollments;
  o solicit the comments and opinions of students;
  o review the humanities profile as it forms part of the CU Boulder image; and
  o gather suggestions for reforms, changes, initiatives, etc.

• Student Affairs Committee
  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:
Understand the results from the graduate student social climate survey and undergraduate social climate survey

Investigate how the results from the above surveys can be integrated into broader campus action plans

Determine appropriate actions that can be taken by the ____ to put into place suggestions that originated from the social climate discussions

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

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 Committee
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.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm by Paul Chinowsky.

Submitted by Sadie Lahey, BFA Student Assistant.