Boulder Faculty Assembly  
General Meeting  
February 6, 2014

**Attendance**

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**Liaisons Attending**

Bill Kaempfer, Associate Vice Chancellor  
Dominique de Vangel, Staff Council

**Guests and Observers Attending**

Frances Draper, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Relations  
Malinda Miller-Huey, University Communications  
Sarah Kuta, Daily Camera  
Carrie Olson, BFA Assistant  
Jennifer McDuffie, CU Admissions

The Boulder Faculty Assembly held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2014, in the Flatirons Room of the Center for Community. BFA Chair, Paul Chinowsky, presided. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and adjourned at 5:25 pm.

### I. Chair’s Report – Paul Chinowsky

a. Admissions –
   - 28,700 applications for incoming Fall 2014 students
     - Noticeable quality of applications has gone up
     - GPA is up
     - Rate of out-of-state acceptance may drop because of large number of applications – the yield percentage may increase
   - **Admitted Student’s Day – April 5, 2014 – Jennifer McDuffie**
     - 4,500 attendees
       - 2,200 prospective students
2,300 parents of prospective students
  - Parents really appreciate this event
  - 79% of the students attending will come in the fall
    - This is the fifth year of this event
    - 65 concurrent sessions during this event
    - Looking for participation by faculty of Arts & Sciences departments
  - 2-hour commitment in Glenn Miller Ballroom
    - 11:30 am – 11:45 am setup
    - 11:45 am – 2:00 pm event
    - 2:00 pm – 2:15 pm breakdown
  - Talk to faculty in your department for volunteers to man a table and answer questions
    - Would like two faculty members from each department
    - Paul will collect names of volunteers
      - Volunteers’ names due by March 5, 2014 e-mailed to Paul

b. BFA Faculty Excellence Awards
  - Nominations are due February 14, 2014

c. BFA Elections
  - Call for nominations will be in one month
  - Elections will take place at the April meeting

II. Department Census – Carmen Grace

Every five years Budget & Planning completes a census of the number of faculty across campus in order to determine BFA seats. Decided that:

- Departments with nine or less faculty will be classified as a small department
  - Small departments decreased from the last census
  - These departments will pull together and have one representative
- Departments with 10 or more faculty will be classified as a large department
  - Large departments increased since the last census
  - These departments will have one representative per department

III. Administrative Services and Technology (AST) Committee Update – Karen Ramirez

The AST is working with OIT to create a faculty survey regarding the use of technology which should be sent within the next two weeks. The survey will be approved and sent on behalf of the BFA and not OIT, however.

- Topics of survey
  - What academic technology resources faculty are using
  - What types of technology would faculty like to have more information on
  - How do faculty like to learn about new technology
- Survey will be sent to all faculty of record
- We want to help OIT
Identify where to allocate resources in order to address faculty needs with technology
- Create a compendium for faculty

IV. Resolution of Censure – Jerry Peterson

Problem: During the special BFA meeting called on December 18, 2013, it was requested by BFA Chair, Paul Chinowsky, that the meeting details would not be discussed with the media as he would take care of that issue. He asked if everyone was okay with that, since nobody said anything, it was understood that everyone was of one accord. However, someone released a recording of the meeting to the media afterwards, in contrast to the agreement made at the beginning of the meeting, which led to an article in the Daily Camera the following day.

To address this act by an unknown person or persons, the BFA has issued the following censure:

BFA Resolution

Whereas trust among fellow members of the Boulder Faculty Assembly is a vital component of faculty governance, and

Whereas free and open discussions on important matters are the most important tool of that governance, and

Whereas frank discussions between faculty and campus administration are vital for shared governance, and

Whereas BFA Chair Chinowsky requested that he alone be the one to communicate with the press and the public after our December 18, 2013 meeting, without demurral from the attendees, and

Whereas we read as the lead story in the Daily Camera of December 19, 2013 that our discussions had been secretly recorded and the recording shared with the press,

The Boulder Faculty Assembly does censure the unknown person or persons who surreptitiously recorded our discussion on an important issue, therefore,

The Boulder Faculty Assembly does strongly censure the person or persons who betrayed faculty trust by releasing this recording of our discussions among ourselves and campus administrative leadership to the press.

Discussion

There’s already a transcript of the meeting online.
- This was a BFA-approved transcript of the meeting
What are the laws in regards to a closed/opened meeting?

- The BFA is not covered by the Sunshine laws

How would people have known that this was a stern warning instead of a request?

- This was implied by the condition of the meeting set at the start
  - No press
  - Attendees had to sign in before entering
  - Clearly stated at the beginning
    - Silence implied acquiescence
  - Assumed that it was not necessary to word it stronger
- It’s a matter of collegiality
  - We are not investigating who recorded the meeting
- This censure has more to do with confidentiality
- Bigger concern would be the recording and not the disclosure

Suggestion: Change the word tape to record.

Jerry Peterson made a motion to suspend the Point of Order rule in order to vote today. Greg Carey seconded the motion. This motion was passed by a majority vote.

The vote on the censure with the provision the word tape was changed to record was then held with the results being:

- In favor: 19
- Opposed: 8
- Abstained: 2
  - Motion passed

V. BFA Ad-Hoc Committees - Paul Chinowsky

Committee One: The charge of this committee is to review and investigate what happened during the Patti Adler case. The committee consists of five BFA-elected tenured faculty plus one faculty of equal rank elected by the Arts & Sciences Council. This committee will submit a report on their findings to the BFA Executive Committee by May 1, 2014.

Committee Two: The charge of this committee is to understand ODH policies and procedures and to make recommendations of change where needed and where possible. The committee consists of ten BFA-elected faculty of any rank across campus plus a BFA-elected, voting, Chair. This committee will submit a report on their findings to the BFA Executive Committee by May 1, 2014.
  - Election results for this committee will be announced this week

VI. Adler Ad-Hoc Committee – Mike Klymkowsky, Committee Chair

The committee members are:

- Jerry Rudy
- Horst Mewes
- Peggy Jobe
- Aya Gruber
- Mike Ritzwoller
- Marcus Pflume
Process:
- Same issues apply to situation in Philosophy
- There are a lot of places where people are told they cannot talk about things
  - We need to talk to University Council
  - We need to talk to ODH
- We will identify policies and procedure that should have been used
- If the situation had not involved a tenured professor, would the situation have transpired differently?
  - We need procedures to be followed by anyone
- Information will flow from our committee to the ODH ad-hoc committee and vice versa
- Academic freedom is not the central issue of the committee
  - The campus needs to have a series of discussions regarding academic freedom
- Focused on what happened
  - What happened when that lead to this situation
  - If we cannot get the information and/or answers to our questions, that will be put in the committee report.

A report on our findings will be presented to the BFA Executive Committee for their approval by May 1, 2014.
- The final report will come from the executive committee
- The general membership will then vote on the report

First meeting will be determined next week

None of the information from either committee is to be released publically without a vote of both the BFA Executive Committee and then the General Assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm by Paul Chinowsky.

Submitted by Carrie Olson, BFA Assistant