The Boulder Faculty Assembly held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 3, 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 5:22 pm.

I. Chair’s Report – Paul Chinowsky

   a. Foundation Transfer to Athletics
      • Executive Committee discussing response to President Benson

   b. Climate Survey
      • Does not seem to be anonymous
      • People have expressed reservations about completing
      • Faculty Council suggested that the survey be stopped and redesigned
         o Motion put forward by Jerry Peterson that the Boulder Faculty Assembly requests the administration to drop the climate survey until it has been vetted and approved by all four campus faculty assemblies and delete existing data collected with the current survey. The motion was seconded by Peggy Jobe and passed unanimously.
• Chair, Paul Chinowsky, will write a draft of a letter to Phil DiStefano and the Regents with a copy to Pat O’Rourke and will send to Executive Committee.

c. Conservative Scholar Blog
  • Faculty Council is drafting a comment about the blog post
  • BFA should support the student response to the post

d. Campus Climate
  • In the fall there will be a series of discussions on campus climate
  • On April 22nd, the administration, student government, and BFA are all hosting a discussion about campus climate to raise awareness before the fall events

II. Elections – Carmen Grace
  • Results of online election
    o 2014-2015 BFA At-Large Members (4)
      ▪ Shivakant Mishra, Computer Science
      ▪ Adam Norris, Applied Mathematics
      ▪ Bryan Taylor, Communication
      ▪ Ping Xu, Environmental Design
  • Extend term of at-large members to the Executive Committee
    o Current term of office is one year with the opportunity for a second term
    o Result is that in two years the officers and the at-large members change
    o Proposed change in the bylaws for the two at-large representatives to the BFA
      ▪ Motion by Paul Chinowsky to suspend the bylaws in order to vote today on the extension of the term for the two BFA at-large seats which was seconded and motion was passed unanimously.
      ▪ Motion by Paul Chinowsky to extend the term of BFA at-large members from a one-year term to a two-year, staggered, terms with the opportunity for second two-year term in order to keep some experience and continuity on the Executive Committee. For this year’s elections, we would extend the seat currently available to a two-year term and extend the seat held by Bob Ferry for another year, expiring in 2015 at the end of his two-year term. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
    o We have one candidate for each position currently
      ▪ We can take nominations from the floor
      ▪ You can write in a candidate on your ballot
  • Election of the three officers
    o Chair nominee, Paul Chinowsky
    o Vice Chair nominee, Mike Klymkowsky
      ▪ Nominated from floor by Peggy Jobe was Bob Ferry for Vice Chair
    o Secretary nominee, Adam Norris
  • Officer Voting Results
    o Chair, Paul Chinowsky
    o Vice Chair, Bob Ferry
    o Secretary, Adam Norris
  • BFA At-Large Open Seats – Two two-year positions available for 2014-2015
    o Seat vacated by the election of Bob Ferry as Vice Chair is now open for 2014-2015
      • Nominations:
Jeff Weiss, Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
  - Jeff Weiss accepted

Seat currently occupied by Peggy Jobe is now running for a new two-year term
  - Nominations:
    - Peggy Jobe

Since the seats are not contested Jerry Peterson made a motion to dispense with paper ballots and vote by acclimation and seconded by Carrie Muir. Motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

All in favor of electing Peggy Jobe and Jeff Weiss as BFA Executive Committee at-large members. Vote was unanimous to elect both.

III. Reorganization of BFA Committees

- Small discussions on
  - The relevance of the current committee structure
  - What area are we not covering
  - What specific issues do you think need to be addressed

- Items that groups think should be covered
  - We are too divorced from the intercollegiate athletic industry
  - Faculty need to know they can come to the BFA when an issue they need help with arises
  - The current committees need a clearly defined agenda and a link to the administration
    - Those that do are the most successful
  - Look after the interests of the retired faculty and their benefits
  - Faculty dependent tuition benefit is insulting
  - Communication
    - BFA voice isn’t heard
    - Prepare a single sheet of what the BFA can do for faculty for the reps to hand out at their department meetings
    - Need a vehicle for news
  - Climate change needs to be addressed
  - Do we need a committee that works with facilities
    - Currently part of the purview of Administrative Services and Technology committee
  - We never had a report on the MOOC program
  - The BFA is consistently in a reactive position as we hear about issues far too late, we are informed but not consulted in advance
  - We could work with various student organizations by supporting their activities, etc.

- Goal is to have the reorganization complete by the end of September.

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

Submitted by Carrie Olson, BFA Assistant.