The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Paul Chinowsky.

Announcements – Paul Chinowsky

- Elections
  - Congratulations to Melinda Piket-May, elected to serve as the new BFA chair; Bob Ferry, Vice Chair; and Adam Norris, Secretary
  - There will be one more electronic election for BFA reps to committees
    - Nominations are open until Sunday, April 19th
    - The ballot will go out Monday, April 20th
- P&T Elections
  - Five positions to be filled with representatives from Boulder
    - Seven people have been nominated
      - Andy Cain
      - Roger Pielke, Jr.
      - Mike Klymkowsky
      - Hillary Potter
      - Aya Gruber
      - Jaelyn Eberle
      - Bill Emery
  - The BFA Executive Committee will be voting on these positions next week
- Upcoming Meetings
  - There will be executive committee meetings on next two Mondays
    - May 4th will be currently left as an option
  - The next general meeting has been moved to Thursday, April 30th

Faculty Affairs Meeting with the Chancellor – Marty Walters

- Committee proposed that in order to resolve future complications, there should be an available defender where individuals can appeal
This will help achieve balance and resolve issues at the lowest possible level.

This recommendation was well received.

Special Guest: Rick George

- Status of CU student athletes
  - Recently had the best term GPA in history (2.931), which was on par with the average of entire student body
  - Good academic performances while athletic performance is ranked 24th in country for all sports combined
  - Top three teams had the highest GPAs while winning national championships
  - Accountability for student athletes is valued
  - Three goals for student athletes
    - Compete in class
    - Compete in athletics
    - Give back to the community
  - 83.3% graduation rate (six year rate)

- Strategic plan
  - The plan has been made public to increase accountability
  - Goal to be nationally recognized for
    - A world class, holistic experience for student athletes
    - Competition in championships
    - Operation in a fiscally efficient manner
  - Changing some goals to readjust targets for 2015-2016
  - Want to increase graduation rates and get to a 3.0 average GPA

- Budget
  - The original $5.6 million deficit has been mitigated to $2.6 million
  - Will finish the year with $250,000 surplus
  - Progress towards this surplus
    - Making cuts in staffing and other areas
    - Balancing budget
    - Surplus strategy
  - Still working on budget for 2015-2016
    - Addressing a slight increase in revenue
  - The biggest issue is that CU is not good at generating revenue
    - Ranked 10 out of 12 in conference
    - Fixing issue with football attendance
    - Working on increasing TV revenue
  - Ranked 8th or 9th in the conference for expenses
    - Has remained fairly flat throughout the years
  - Fundraising
    - Last year raised a departmental record of $21.8 million
    - Leading the campus
    - Same track this year
    - Part of efficient fiscal operations
• Student athletic fee has not been increased since 1994
  ▪ Connecting with a lot of people
  ▪ Increased since moving to the PAC-12
  ▪ Canvassing the U.S. to visit donors

• Facilities
  o Opening a lot of research opportunities allows for collaboration
  o Goal to achieve the vision and mission of athletics
  o Will also help with financial stability with revenue opportunities

• NCAA governance
  o New requirements
    ▪ Meetings with student athletes
    ▪ Concussion procedures
    ▪ Have to guarantee scholarships as multi-year
  o Student athletes getting a vote so their voice is heard
  o Investigating:
    ▪ Student athlete time demands
      ▪ Will present in June
    ▪ Freshman ineligibility for professional competition, particularly in basketball
    ▪ Legal cases for unionization and for likenesses/images in appeal right now

• Discussion
  o Funding PAC-12 faculty coalition
  o Retention ideas could be applied to help broader campus
    ▪ Tiered system of the academic support that is required of athletes
    ▪ Lots of “touch points” for the athlete (i.e. coach, trainer, strength coach, academic advisor, athletic director, etc.)
      ▪ This helps the most with athletics’ retention
      ▪ Know their needs
  o Allocation of surplus to campus and campus projects
  o Endowment use
    ▪ Mainly to support annual operation budget of sports teams
    ▪ Eventually will be directed to scholarships

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm by Joe Jupille.

Submitted by Haley Goddard, BFA Student Assistant.