The Boulder Faculty Assembly held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2015, in the Wolf Law Building, room 206. BFA Chair, Paul Chinowsky, presided. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm and adjourned at 5:32 pm.

I. Chair’s Report – Paul Chinowsky

   a. Committee Updates
      
      • The Administrative Services and Technology committee’s survey comes out tomorrow
        ○ The purpose is to get a sense of how faculty use and teach with technology
• Administrator Appraisal committee
  o The drafts of the Chancellor and Provost’s reports are due today
  o The committee will vote on them tomorrow
  o They will be presented to the Executive Committee on Monday

b. Online Education
• Ongoing discussion
• Coordination is key among the three campuses
• How will it look to the outside community needs to be considered
• Faculty will be in control of the degrees offered
• If you have any concerns, please send them to Paul Chinowsky to take to the Provost

c. P/T Committee (System)
• The committee is getting a membership makeover with new representatives from all four campuses

d. Leadership Institute
• Nominations are being accepted for next year
  o Associate Professors or Senior Instructors
• Send to Paul Chinowsky

II. Orientation – Paul Chinowsky and Jennifer McDuffie
• Introduction – Paul Chinowsky
  o This originated out of Student Affairs
    ▪ Three freshmen dates
      • June 29
      • July 6
      • July 17
    ▪ Two transfer student dates
      • June 15
      • July 10
  o Sessions will be academic-based
    ▪ Topics will help the new freshman understand what it means to be a student on the CU-Boulder campus
  o Online
    ▪ D2L courses
    ▪ 1:1 with their advisor
    ▪ Registration
  o Welcome Days
    ▪ Sessions in
      • Units
      • Schools
      • Academic Affairs
      • Advising
      • RAPs
o Videos from Provost Moore on down

• Program Overview – Jennifer McDuffie
  o Friday there will be a soft launch of the new website
    ▪ Goal is to inspire new students to understand that academics is the main focus
    ▪ Official launch will be Tuesday morning
  o The two-day event is required
    ▪ No longer charged to attend
    ▪ Many opportunities for academic engagement
  o Welcome Days
    ▪ 2,000 freshman maximum / per session
    ▪ We have 1,000 – 2,000 transfer students
    ▪ Option to add more dates on July 24th and July 27th should the other sessions fill up
  o Communication to students
    ▪ Step-by-step key steps to do or complete are on the website
    ▪ Personal phone calls to each student during afternoons and evenings
    ▪ We will reach out to each student who has not yet responded
      • A report will run each Thursday at 11:59 pm
      • Follow-up calls will be made on the following day
      • Not calling international students
    ▪ The office land line has been turned into a texting service
      • Students can text the office
    ▪ Live chats online are available
    ▪ A list of free wifi locations in their city will be provided to each student
  o Website
    ▪ Specific modules depending on how they answer the questions
      • Are you first generation?
      • What college were you admitted to?
      • Are you involved in a RAP?
      • Are you a veteran?
  o International students
    ▪ Students arrive on August 14th
    ▪ Three-day orientation, August 15th – 18th
    ▪ Transition into Fall Welcome

III. Motion – Mike Klymkowsky
• Originally submitted at the December 4, 2014, meeting and read:
  I move that in the light of the unwarranted retaliatory hostility and social ostracism experienced by Professor Joanne Belknap in the wake of the BFA’s Adler committee report, the BFA officially acknowledge and comment Professor Belknap for her efforts on behalf of students.
Joanne Belknap comments
  o Thought what she did was correct
  o Disappointed and hurt on how the campus and faculty treats her

Discussion
  o Suggested that the wording of the motion be changed as follows:
    The Boulder Faculty Assembly acknowledges and commends
    Professor Belknap for her efforts on behalf of students.
    ▪ Mike Klymkowsky acknowledged change
  o Adler committee looked solely at whether or not the appropriate procedures
    were followed
  o Move made by Jerry Peterson that a written vote be taken and the motion
    was seconded by Mel Cundiff. Motion passed unanimously.
  o The final motion put forth to membership to vote read:
    The Boulder Faculty Assembly officially acknowledges and
    commends Professor Belknap for her efforts on behalf of students.
    ▪ Motion did not pass with a vote of 5 for, 15 against, and 10
      abstentions

IV. Election Update – Adam Norris
  • BFA members recently elected to the BFA standing committees were notified,
    along with the appropriate committee chairs
  • There are still open seats on some committees and these will be filled by the
    Nominations and Elections committee on a case-by-case basis. No further
    elections will be required

V. Award Presentation – Adam Norris
  • The Paul Chinowsky Thinking Outside the Box Award
    o This award is to recognize and thank faculty for their ability to offer
      tangible, positive responses to any of the ongoing or emerging challenges
      facing CU-Boulder. Recipients shall have played a pivotal role in the
      quality and/or quantity of improvements in one or more areas such as, but
      not limited to:
        ▪ Student success
        ▪ Faculty development
        ▪ Administrator-Faculty collaboration
        ▪ Fiscal effectiveness
        ▪ Reputation of the CU-Boulder campus
        ▪ Perception and/or relevance of the BFA
    o The award shall be surrendered to the BFA at the end of each academic
      year at which time it will be presented to the next recipient
    o The inaugural recipient was Paul Chinowsky

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm by Paul Chinowsky.

Submitted by Carrie Olson, BFA Assistant.