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Executive Committee, Boulder Faculty Assembly  
August 26, 2013  

Attending  
Paul Chinowsky, Chair  
Carmen Grace, Secretary  
Bob Ferry, Executive Committee Member at Large  
Peggy Jobe, Executive Committee Member at Large  
Horst Mewes, Academic Affairs Committee Chair  
Ruth Ellen Kocher, Diversity Committee Co-Chair  
Greg Carey, Administrator Appraisal Chair  
Jin-Hyuk Kim, Libraries Chair  
David R. Kassoy, Retired Faculty Association  
Jerry Peterson, Former BFA Chair  
Bill Kaempfer, Vice Provost, Assoc. Vice Chancellor  
Adrian Norris, Instructor-Track Co-Chair  
Melinda Piket-May, Faculty Council Chair  
Catherine Labio, Arts & Sciences Council Chair  
Chris Schaeferbauer, CUSG Pres. of Student Affairs  
Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator  

Not Attending  
Mike Klymowsky, BFA Vice-Chair  
Karen Ramirez, Admin. Services & Tech. Chair  
Jerry Rudy, Budget and Planning Chair  
Joe Jupille, Intercollegiate Athletics Chair  
Joey Hubbard, UGGS President  

The Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee held a regular meeting on Monday, August 26th, 2013 in the University Club Room 106. BFA Chair Paul Chinowsky presided. The meeting convened at 4:15 and adjourned at 5:29 p.m.  

I. Chair’s Report and Invitation for Discussion  

Discussion items included:  

- Shifts in enrollment as between colleges and schools.  
- A new system in the Campus Bookstore which shelves books alphabetically rather than by course number.  
- A new reporting system for assaults on campus, and the extent to which the information in them is required to be included under the Clery Act.  
- The Office of Admissions’ student recruiting activities this fall.  
- The Campus’ new Esteemed Scholars Program, which added an additional 200 high-performing students this year. About 25% of the incoming Colorado freshmen are in the Esteemed Scholars program.  

II. Discussion and Update on Development of BFA Initiatives and Working Groups  

Chinowsky reported the following:  

- CU Faculty Ambassadors – this program will prepare about 20 faculty to serve as ambassadors, who travel around the state to connect with Colorado communities. A similar program operated in the past but faculty were included to a lesser degree. The ideal ambassadors will have broad experience of the campus, be active in the classroom and/or their research, and have 10 to 15 years of experience. Please forward suggested nominees to Paul.Chinowsky@colorado.edu.  
- The BFA’s Recognition Program will grant approximately 100 small awards to faculty each year, for smaller, one-time service efforts. A nomination form is being prepared.
Honorees will receive a small reward, such as a coffee card, and the BFA will send an acknowledgment letter to the honoree’s department chair.

- The BFA Leadership Institute held a kick-off event last week. BFA Executive Committee members are welcome to attend their events this year. Please contact the BFA office for a calendar of events.
- The BFA First Year Experience program held an organizational meeting last week. 137 faculty and about 520 students have signed up for the program so far. Faculty information packets and meal cards are currently being prepared.
- BFA Bridge Groups – these are informal talks between BFA representatives and Administration, to discuss and deal with faculty issues before they become serious. BFA officers met with the Provost’s Council today for the first time. Today’s topics included reorganization of academic units, the new College on Campus (CMI: Communication, Media, and Information), and advising. Please forward specific concerns and suggested topics for future Bridge Groups to Paul.Chinowsky@colorado.edu.

### III. Faculty Council Committee Representatives

Chinowsky reported on vacancies for Boulder representatives on Faculty Council Committees:

- Two vacancies for the Budget and Planning Committee.
- One vacancy for EPUS (Educational Policy and University Standards), which reviews all policy statements on academic matters that affect all four campuses.
- Three vacancies for Communications Committee (Outreach).
- One vacancy for the GLBTI Committee.
- One vacancy for the Personnel Committee, which reviews all policy statements on faculty status, such as those regarding pay and retirement.
- One vacancy for the Women’s Committee.
- One vacancy for EMAC (a diversity committee on Ethnic Minorities).

Please forward nominations to Sierra.Swearingen@colorado.edu.

### IV. Discussion: Topics at BFA Town Halls

Chinowsky reminded the Committee that it recently voted on a variety of suggested topics. He reported that Open Access is clearly of interest to many, but it may not be appropriate for the initial Town Hall meeting. Discussion followed. Topics and ideas included the following:

- What will CU look like when state support falls to zero?
- The initial Town Hall could be an overview of how the University operates, which may increase the quality of discussion on future, more involved topics.
- The future of Higher Education, and potentially dramatic changes covering topics like delivery, access, and budget.
- Reshaping the University to meet the needs of the future.

Chinowsky reported that the format of these events will be about 10 minutes of introduction of overview of the topic, followed by an open forum, in which speakers will be limited to making comments of 2 to 3 minutes each.
V. Teaching Evaluation Process Group Initiation

Chinowsky reported that the BFA will be involved in a national effort associated with STEM education and the AAUP, looking into appropriate and effective teaching and learning evaluation methods. About ten faculty will be involved. The Boulder Campus is one of seven universities that are working on sub-sections of this project.

VI. New Business

A new Respectful Workplace Campaign committee has formed, and has invited two faculty to participate. Greg Carey volunteered. Please send further nominations to Sierra.Swearingen@colorado.edu.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be September 9th.

VII. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:29.

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator