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Executive Committee, Boulder Faculty Assembly
September 9, 2013

Attending
Paul Chinowsky, Chair
Mike Kliymkowski, BFA Vice-Chair
Carmen Grace, Secretary
Bob Ferry, Executive Committee Member at Large
Horst Mewes, Academic Affairs Chair
Karen Ramirez, Admin. Services & Tech. Chair
Ted Stark, Faculty Affairs Chair
John S. McCartney, Faculty Comp. & Benefits Chair
Adam Norris, Instructor-Track Co-Chair
Greg Carey, Administrator Appraisal Chair

Joe Jupille, Intercollegiate Athletics Chair
Jin-Hyuk Kim, Libraries Chair
David R. Kassoy, Retired Faculty Association
Jerry Peterson, Former BFA Chair
Bill Kaempfer, Vice Provost, Assoc. Vice Chancellor

Not Attending
Peggy Jobe, Executive Committee Member at Large
Jerry Rudy, Budget and Planning Chair
Ruth Ellen Kocher, Diversity Committee Co-Chair

The Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee held a regular meeting on Monday, September 9th, 2013 in the University Club Room 106. BFA Chair Paul Chinowsky presided. The meeting convened at 4:00 and adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

I. Chair’s Report and Invitation for Discussion

Discussion and reports included:
• Delays in setting up email addresses and D2L and MyCuInfo access for new hires.
• A possible System-level Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee.
• The Boulder Campus is preparing to roll out a new marketing campaign.
• The Faculty Recognition nomination form is now available on line at
  www.colorado.edu/BFA/INITIATIVES/Recognition.html.

II. Open Access

UGGS Executive Vice President Laura Michaelson gave an overview of Open Access: free unrestricted access to peer reviewed scholarly research. UGGS hopes to encourage the BFA to join other groups on campus, and their colleagues nationally, in supporting a campus-wide Open Access policy. [Michaelson’s slides are on line at http://tinyurl.com/otmk9sw.

Discussion followed. Several noted lack of clarity on the extent to which proposed open access models could violate various copyrights.

III. BFA Chair’s Meeting With UCB Athletic Director Rick George

Chinowsky reported on his meeting with UCB’s new Athletics Director Rick George: they discussed how academics and athletics could work strategically to collaborate, rather than continuing the historic division between them. He added that UCB’s NCAA Faculty Athletics
Representative David Clough is planning to spearhead how to look jointly at the issues facing the Campus. Chinowsky noted that Athletics has a unique ability to bring the campus together as a community, and the Campus should look at how to leverage that ability to benefit both academics and athletics.

Discussion followed.

IV. New Initiatives Suggested by the BFA Committee of the Whole

Chinowsky reported that the BFA meeting September 5th featured discussion around how the BFA is relevant to the Departments and other Academic Units, and how it can show its relevance to faculty. Ideas and concepts at that meeting included the following:

- Be an early part of the Campus decision-making process.
- Be specifically involved in the quality of the undergraduate body.
- Help address or refer concerns that affect more than one department, over which departments do not have control.
- Be involved in protecting the infrastructure that supports our position as a good research University, for example the Libraries.
- Be more visibly useful, significant and accomplished.
- Publicize faculty efforts to recruit students.
- Improve BFA communication with faculty at the department level.
- Improve collective representation of faculty interests when administration adopts policy that does not adequately consider those interests.
- Influence existing campus culture to be more collegial and cooperative
- Improve internal communications.

Discussion followed. Comments included the following:

- The BFA works collaboratively with administration but, while the results of those efforts are apparent to most faculty, the BFA’s contribution is not visible and therefore not acknowledged. For example, the Boulder Campus’ reform of its athletics program was a result of significant collaboration between the BFA and administration.
- It is important to have some BFA initiatives going at all times, relevant to a variety of subsets of the faculty, not solely BFA members.
- The BFA could do more to communicate to the Departments that they are part of the Campus, not merely part of their individual colleges. It was suggested that BFA leadership make annual visits to each of the departments and representative units, as a team with that unit’s BFA representative, to talk about what the BFA does.

V. New Business

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be September 16th.

VI. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator