MINUTES
Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee
January 30, 2017

Executive Committee Members Attending:
Melinda Piket-May, Chair
Adam Norris, Vice Chair
Vicki Grove, Secretary
Katheryn Pieplow, Academic Affairs Committee Chair
Greg Carey, Administrator Appraisal Committee Chair
Alastair Norcross, Faculty Affairs Committee Chair
Rolf Norgaard, Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee Chair
Roseanna Neupauer, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Chair
Philip Chang, Libraries Committee Chair
Ltc. Aaron Roof, Student Affairs Committee Co-Chair

Liaisons and Guests Attending:
Robert Rupert, Arts and Sciences Council Chair
Richard Bateman, United Government of Graduate Students President
William Kaempfer, Senior Vice Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning
Sierra Swearingen, Boulder Faculty Assembly Coordinator

The Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee held a regular meeting on January 23rd, 2017 in Regent Hall Room 1B25. BFA Chair Melinda Piket-May convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

I. Officers’ Report and Discussion Items

a. There was discussion of a possible Faculty Governance response to the new Presidential Administration’s immigration policy. The Faculty Affairs Committee will compose a resolution for consideration at this Thursday’s BFA meeting.

b. The Chancellor’s office is working with the BFA to plan this year’s BFA Excellence Awards presentation ceremony. Piket-May requested discussion on the event’s logistics.

c. Norris presented an updated draft of the motion to revise the BFA Bylaws. Comments and questions included whether the increase in At-Large representatives and Instructor representatives is warranted; and that the current faculty population is about 1200 tenure-track faculty and 400 instructors. It was suggested that the 14 proposed At-Large seats be divided into at least 4 for instructors and at least 4 for tenure-track faculty, to promote balanced representation.

II. HLC Quality Initiative

BFA Academic Affairs Committee Chair Kathryn Pieplow gave a brief overview of the Committee’s meeting with Bill Kaempfer, Sr. Vice Provost and Associate V.C. for Budget and Planning; and Katherine Eggert, Quality Initiative Director. Pieplow’s comments included:

- The Quality Initiative comes from the Higher Learning Commission, an accrediting agency. HLC will review UCB for re-accreditaton in 2020.
• To streamline the re-accreditation process HLC allows institutions to report on a quality initiative chosen by the institution, to help HLC determine whether the institution is living up to its statutory duties and stated mission.
• UCB has chosen retention as its Initiative. The BFA Academic Affairs Committee has requested the project be reframed as student success, as measured in part by retention.
• Eggert’s plan is to create a metric that can be applied to units and/or initiatives.
• UCB has proposed 8 pilot programs it would like to examine, including RAPs, new freshman seminars, and orientation. The list is not final.
• AAU Public institutions have an average 6 year graduation rate of 79%, while UCB’s is 70%. UCB proposes to examine graduation rates at the University of Maryland, which increased its rate quickly from 70%, to 83%.

Discussion followed. Comments included:
• Statistics as to retention should differentiate between students that drop out and students that transfer to other institutions.
• The review will include multiple measures.
• Kaempfer reported that the purpose of the initiative is to develop a clearing house of information on best practices, both internal and external.
• UCB’s plan must be developed and approved by Campus by the end of this semester. Then the Campus will execute its plan and develop data for the 2020 HLC review.

III. Brief Committee Reports and Plans for the Semester

Nominations and Elections Committee, Chair Vicki Grove

The Committee has been analyzing the BFA roster to determine which seats need to be filled. It is expected that the Committee will issue the Campus-wide BFA ballot at the end of February.

Administrative Services and Technology Committee

Piket-May read Committee Chair John Hoover’s report on the Committee’s plans:
• continue work with OIT on the Campus’ LMS decision-making process;
• explore campus safety procedures and issues with regard to faculty and student preparation, and examine notification procedures for dangerous events on campus;
• explore issues with faculty parking during special events on campus;
• continue to explore space issues; and
• continue discussions with C.F.O. Kelly Fox and V.C. for Infrastructure David Kang, about CU’s need for a consolidated strategic plan for administrative services.

Piket-May reported that she continues to discuss problems with parking at the SEEC building\(^1\) with Louise Vale, Interim Sr. Associate V.C. for Finance and Budget.

Libraries Committee, Chair Philip Chang

\(^1\) SEEC = Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Complex, near Foothills and Colorado Avenue.
This week the Committee discussed the BFA Climate resolution. Dean Williams plans to bring the resolution to his faculty for a vote. Faculty that do not have a BFA representative have not heard of the resolution.

The Committee continues to discuss:
- a collaboration between Libraries and the Museums to create an archive;
- the need for a Libraries advancement officer, as recommended by Program Review; and
- possible new projects based on results of the LibQual survey.²

The Committee also discussed the impact of possible cuts to federal science-based grants.

**Student Affairs Committee, Co-Chair Ltc. Aaron Roof**

Piket-May introduced Roof, who will co-chair with Catherine Kunce this semester.

The Committee’s current discussions include:
- UCB’s Honor Code and Honor Council; and
- the Campus’ new initiative on the First Year Experience.

**Administrator Appraisal Committee, Chair Greg Carey**

The Committee has completed its evaluation of Dean Leigh. The Committee will report the results to the BFA Executive Committee on February 13th.

Piket-May commented that the BFA can provide funding to the Committee to employ a graduate student to develop tools for evaluating the Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs. Carey responded that the Committee will work on developing the review this semester.

**IV. Discussion: Resolution in Support of First-Year Experiences**

The Committee discussed friendly amendments that arose at the BFA Meeting on December 1st:
- replace “faculty involvement” with Faculty Governance involvement;”
- add an additional clause: “with continued support for existing programs that have proven themselves to be effective, and with minimal disruption to faculty and staff positions;”
- terms should be defined, including ‘high-impact experience;’ and
- access to First-Year Experiences should be addressed in the motion.

The Committee developed final language to be presented for a vote at the BFA meeting this Thursday:

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² [https://www.libqual.org/home](https://www.libqual.org/home)
Whereas: Student success is a goal of the Boulder campus; and

Whereas: first-year experiences are important for student success; therefore

Be it Resolved: The Boulder Faculty Assembly supports a variety of First Year experiences with significant academic components, with equitable access to all first year students.

In this effort there should be strong faculty governance involvement in the development and implementation of such experiences; with continued support for effective existing programs; and with attention to continuity in faculty and staff positions.

V. Discussion: BFA Report to Chancellor’s Executive Committee

Piket-May requested Executive Committee members develop a list of successes, ongoing initiatives, and challenges; and consider how the CEC could support the work of the BFA.

The discussion will continue at next Monday’s meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Piket-May adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator.