Boulder Faculty Assembly
Executive Committee Meeting
October 13, 2014

Attending:
Paul Chinowsky, Chair
Bob Ferry, Vice Chair
Philip Chang, Music
Catherine Labio, Arts & Science Council
Monika Fleshner, Integrative Physiology
Peggy Jobe, Libraries
Joe Jupille, Political Science
William Kaempfer, Associate Vice Chancellor
Andrew Trevino, CUSG Director of Academics
Haley Goddard, BFA Student Assistant

John Lurquin, UGGS President
Horst Mewes, Political Science
Laura Michaelson, UGGS Executive VP
Adam Norris, Applied Mathematics
Jerry Peterson, Physics
David Kassoy, Retired Faculty
Jeff Weiss, Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences
Rolf Norgaard, Writing & Rhetoric
Carrie Olson, BFA Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Vice Chair, Bob Ferry.

Approval of Minutes – Carrie Olson

- Monika Fleshner made a motion to approve the September 15, 2014 minutes as amended. Adam Norris, second. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- Peggy Jobe made a motion to approve the September 22, 2014 minutes as amended. Adam Norris, second. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- Monika Fleshner made a motion to approve the September 29, 2014 minutes as amended. Joe Jupille, second. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Review of October 16th Climate Meeting – Peggy Jobe

- Academic freedom discussion
  - Ideas for political affiliation, outreach, and diversity
  - Steps offices are taking to make it easier for protected classes (political affiliation, philosophy, etc.) to report
- Student Session on November 17th - CUSG, UGGS
  - Working on meeting to discuss
  - Focusing on how to deal with conflicts
  - Trying to schedule earlier in the day to be more “student friendly”
  - At least one undergraduate and graduate student will be on each panel

Finalization of Committee Repopulation Process – Adam Norris

Most committees should have eight elected members
  - Two representatives from the Assembly
  - Six representatives from the Senate
    - Three from Arts and Sciences
    - Three from Other Units
  - Bylaws and Nominations committees must have all members drawn from BFA

- Problems
  - Eleven committees are missing members
Six cannot form quorum - Suspended (have four or more vacancies)
Many missing chairs
- Discussion: Article 2, Section 2, Item E
  - Members who are a Chair but not a member of the BFA should be added to the roster as an elected representative and allowed to vote
- Focusing on repopulation for current needs
  - Nominations by October 23, 2014
    - Explicit instructions and details about committee openings coming from Adam Norris
  - Vote by BFA members at November 6, 2014 meeting
  - In the meantime, suspended committees should recruit
  - Repopulating committees until June 30, 2015 at which time a new election will be held – hopefully they will be reorganized by then
- Discussion about charge of the committees
  - Reorganization discussion took place over the summer
    - Four major committees with various sub-committees
    - No agreement reached
  - Need to look at committee composition with new college being established soon
- Discussion on distribution of members within committees
  - Origin/necessity of structure requirements
  - Noted that Faculty Council operates with half the number of committees that BFA has
- Discussion on effectiveness of bylaws
  - Every BFA member needs to be on a committee (Standing Rules), but every committee can only have two BFA members (Bylaws)

**Space Utilization Study Update** – Paul Chinowsky
- Searching for a more effective use of space on campus
  - Making recommendations, not decisions
  - No intent to remove people from offices
- Currently surveying current status of campus
  - Faculty need to take time to fill out space survey
  - Interviews are also being conducted
  - Being overseen by Campus Steering Committee
- Vice Chancellor of Administration’s website has more information and space for comments
- The long term objective is to analyze expansion needs

**BFA’s Participation in Co-Hosting Graduation Brunches** - Paul Chinowsky
- Spring and winter brunch for students receiving recognition
- About at $10,000 commitment from the BFA
  - Money comes from the Chancellor
- Problem: Faculty don’t tend to go to graduation
- Discussion
  - We should continue co-hosting but should advertise the BFA’s involvement
• Need to increase BFA influence in planning
• Should encourage faculty attendance at graduation

● Vote to continue co-sponsoring the event with advertisement and consultation in the planning
  ○ Unanimous approval
● Will discuss faculty attendance issue at another time

Retention Discussion – Paul Chinowsky

• Number one academic topic for the Chancellor
• Six-year graduation rates (does not include transfer students)
  ○ Current rate: 69.7% from any college within the University
    ■ Goal of 80% by 2020 (would put us in the middle of the AAU public schools)
    ■ Will not reach this goal at current improvement rate until 2038’s class of incoming freshmen
  ○ Arts and Sciences 66.8%
  ○ Business 77.4%
  ○ Engineering 76.9%
  ○ Environmental Design 67.8%
  ○ Music 67.3%

• Average time for a student to graduate is going down, but
  ○ 69.7% graduate from any college while only 60.2% from the college they entered
  ○ Drops
    ■ Business school graduates 77% of students who remain in the college, but only 67% of original enrollment total
  ○ 20% A&S freshmen are on academic probation by the end of their first semester

● Discussion of faculty Involvement
  ■ Where do students need to be provided with help?
  ■ Improved persistence improves overall student quality

○ Current progress: ALEKS testing program required for incoming students to place in appropriate math course
  ■ Good predictive structure, but not required until this year
  ■ Has tutorial assistance and retake possibilities
    ● Prerequisite requirement for Math 1300 and APPM 1350
    ● Has increased number of students taking tutorial from 50 to 1,000

○ Four main reasons for retention issue according to a National survey
  ■ Not feeling a part of the college
  ■ Not feeling that a college education has value
  ■ Treatment (how they feel they are being treated)
  ■ Not being able to get classes

○ No data compiled for CU

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm by Paul Chinowsky.
Submitted by Haley Goddard, BFA Student Assistant.