The Boulder Faculty Assembly held a regular meeting on October 6th, 2016 in the Center for Community Flatirons Room. Vice Chair Adam Norris presided. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. and adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

I. Vice Chair’s Report: Adam Norris

1. Norris welcomed Anne Schmiesing, the BFA’s new administration liaison.
2. There may be a notice of motion today to create a treasurer position for the BFA.
3. OPI is continuing to work with the BFA to develop a common set of values.
4. Faculty Council Update
   a. Norris asked Vicki Grove to give brief summary. She reported that Faculty Council continues to discuss the Regents’ revision of their laws and policies. She added that FC is also discussing the intercampus tuition benefit program: a policy that would provide $2400 per year for faculty dependents, for use at any CU campus.
5. The Pac12 Academic Leadership Coalition will meet in Boulder October 28 through 30.
6. The BFA and UGGS will co-sponsor a talk with the two candidates for Regent, scheduled for
Thursday October 14th, 12:30 to 2:00 pm the Business School room 255.

7. Kathryn Pieplow, Chair of the BFA Academic Affairs Committee, will lead an activity today to discuss the Regent Laws and policies Review. Vice President Michael Lightner is involved, and has requested faculty comments.
   a. Norris Recognized Shoemaker, who encouraged faculty input in the review process.
7. Regent Phil DiStefano attended last Monday’s Executive Committee meeting. Among the topics discussed was a planned academic calendar change, which would remove one class period from classes that meet on a MWF schedule. The CCHE no longer has a seat-time requirement

II. Committee Updates

Norris reported on behalf of the Administrative Services and Technology committee that OIT will conduct another survey this year.
Norris reported on behalf of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee that Athletics requests BFA members encourage faculty in their units to fill out and return the athletics department’s surveys about student athlete performance.

III. BFA Committee Election

Secretary Vicki Grove reported that two positions on the BFA Administrator Appraisal Committee are reserved for members of the Administration. The Provost has nominated Jim Williams, Dean of Libraries, and Mary Kraus, Vice Provost and Associate V.C. for Undergraduate Education.

Moved by Vicki Grove on behalf of the BFA Nominations and Elections Committee that the BFA appoint these nominees by a vote by acclamation.

The motion passed with none opposed and no abstentions.

Grove added that the committee has been working to find nominees for Faculty Council and its committees.

Moved by Vicki Grove on behalf the BFA Nominations and Elections Committee that Ahmed White (Law) be approved by the BFA as a Boulder Campus representative on Faculty Council.

The motion passed with none opposed and no abstentions.

Grove requested more volunteers or nominations for vacancies on Faculty Council Committees, and will send a list of vacancies and information about meeting days and times to the BFA email list.

IV. New Business – Discussion of Regent review of Regent Laws and Policies

Norris yielded the floor to Kathryn Pieplow, Chair of the BFA Academic Affairs Committee, to facilitate the discussion.

[After the meeting Faculty Council distributed a link to the Regent Laws and Policies Review website: https://www.cu.edu/regents/rppreview, and requested it be distributed widely.]
Pieplow reported she has consulted with University Counsel Maggie Wilensky to clarify the difference between laws and policies. Laws are statements of principle; policies are more operational. Colorado is unusual in that the Regents are given the authority to enact laws under the Colorado Constitution. The procedures by which Regent policies and laws are established, amended, and enforced are nearly identical; it requires notice and a 2/3rd vote of approval. The notice period varies in length. One of the goals of the Regents’ review is for every law to have policies that are numbered correspondingly.

Pieplow divided those present into four small groups to discuss each of the talking points she distributed prior to today’s meeting. Discussion followed. Bullet points that arose in the discussion:

**LAWS | TALKING POINT: 4.A.2 Deans**
- Text of proposed law – dean shall be full tenured professor
- Mixed views
  - Strongly believe deans should have TT experience
  - Generally reasonable requirement
  - Traditional reliance on TT ranks may not be indicative of changing campus climate
- Consistency between requirements for dean and other administrators
- Add “extraordinary circumstances” language

**LAWS | TALKING POINT: 4A4 Faculty Membership**
- Very concerned about provision
- Unclear what motivation for change was – what is the problem to be solved?
- Potentially disenfranchises 1/3 to ¼ of full time faculty
- TT could define membership to include non-TT but would not need to
- One department on Boulder campus already gives one vote to 9 instructors
- Already have policies in departments where cannot vote on appointment, etc above rank
- Could mean that instructors who have been here 10-30 years would not be able to vote on curricular issues
- Problematic that move is to policy which is potentially more malleable
- Article 5 defines faculty twice and those definitions vary
- Retain current language
- If need to define “faculty” could make it rostered faculty with 50% appointments
- Recommend APS defining “collaboration” and “shared governance”
- Highlight the strength of the objection

**LAWS | TALKING POINT: 4.A.5 Faculty Powers**
- Why move virtually exact language from laws to policy
- Changed “collaboration with dean” to “approval of deans” – removes power from faculty
  - We see this as negative move
- Faculty power should be overarching ideal – argument for keeping in laws
- Seems to move from “shared governance” or “faculty governance” to “governance”
- What is rationale for change?

**LAWS | TALKING POINT: Part C being moved to Policies**
- Establishment of “academic units” moving from laws to policy
• What is the rationale for moving from law to policy?
• General statement in laws: regents have authority to define academic units
• Programs missing
• Level for approval set with president for some but not all
• Some mediation with CCHE on cancelling programs

Other recommendations:
• Make language for amending policies identical to laws – slight differences in notice provisions – to allow for faculty involvement

V. Discussion: General Issues on Campus

• Alumni awards dinner is October 13th, 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Glenn Miller Ballroom.
• BFA Winter Reception is December 12th, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Koenig Alumni Center.
• Discussion: bicycles vs. pedestrians. The speed limit on Campus sidewalks is 5 mph by policy, but it is not enforced. This has led to several safety concerns.

  Moved by Jim Meiss and seconded by Patricia Rankin that the BFA create an Ad Hoc committee to investigate the issue of pedestrian and cyclist safety on campus, and to make a recommendation.

  The motion was approved with none opposed. [BFA-M-1-100616]

The initial members of the Ad Hoc committee were Jim Meiss, Gail Ramsberger, and Patricia Rankin.

• The UCB academic schedule is being changed to enable Regents to attend graduation. In discussion, it was suggested that the Regent’s attendance at graduation is not a good enough reason to remove an entire day of class from the schedule. Questions include whether faculty governance was consulted, and whether this change is a pilot program.

  Moved by Shelly Miller and seconded by Roseanna Neupauer that the BFA write a letter to the Chancellor to ask why faculty were not consulted.

  The motion passed with none opposed. [BFA-M-2-100616]

• There was general agreement that the campus should move forward on increasing its communication procedures in the event of emergencies on campus.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Norris adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Musgrave, BFA Assistant and Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator.