Boulder Faculty Assembly
Executive Committee Meeting
December 2, 2013

Attending:
Paul Chinowsky, Chair
Peggy Jobe, Libraries
Greg Carey, Psychology and Neurology
Karen Ramirez, Sewell Residential Academic Program
Jerry Peterson, Physics
Carmen Grace, French & Italian, BFA Secretary
Carrie Olson, BFA Assistant

Bradley Monton, Philosophy
Horst Mewes, Political Science
Jin-Hyuk Kim, Economics
Adam Norris, Applied Mathematics
Jerry Rudy, Psychology and Neurology
John McCartney, Civil Engineering
Joey Hubbard, UGGS President
Laura Michaelson, UGGS Executive Vice President

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Paul Chinowsky.

News from the Campus Transportation Committee (Paul Chinowsky)
• Plans are advancing for east campus
  o Sciences and Engineering moving
• Students there by next fall
• Concerned that students will be going back and forth between east campus and main campus
• Action Item: BFA needs to put together a letter to voice faculty concerns
• The current building will be:
  o Biotech Building
  o McAllister Building
    ▪ Environmental Engineering Cluster – moving this summer
    ▪ Building new lab building
    ▪ Energy and Aerospace to follow
  o Life Science Building
• The Vice Chancellor and Provost are involved in the process
• The detailed analysis on bus users is currently based on averages.

Discussion: Norlin Library houses resources for some of those moving. Currently there are no provisions for library services to those students on east campus.

• Student representatives at the Campus Transportation Committee meeting brought up the subject of safety provisions
• Steve Thweatt, Director of Facilities should be invited to one of our meetings along with the Chancellor and Provost to discuss the matter
• The surprise factor to faculty needs to be alleviated and faculty needs to be brought into the conversation now
• Main campus needs so much renovating, how do they justify spending the money on east campus instead of main campus?
• What have other campuses done and what are the issues they encountered when they split up their campus to multiple locations?
• There will be huge impacts to the culture of CU-Boulder
• Impacts who will be willing to serve on the BFA committees
• Might extend the number of semesters for students to graduate
  o Classes will be offset on the ½ hour
  o Will lower the density of students
  o Students won’t be able to take four classes back to back
• Distance to UMC building influences how involved a student is on campus. It will be worse when they are so far away.
• How does this affect study facilities, dining, etc.?
• A lot of students will be taking classes on east campus but will have jobs on main campus. How will the transportation affect these students?
• How will it affect students who find themselves on east campus, car parked on main campus, and they have to leave right after class to get to an off-campus job?
• Currently there is no incoming direct RTD route to east campus. You must transfer to a campus RTD bus to get there.
• What does student government say?
  o Grad students will stay on the campus where their classes are
  o Will affect undergrads
• Doesn’t the BFA have someone on the planning committee? If not, can we have someone installed on the committee?

News from Administrative Services & Technology Committee (AST) (Karen Ramirez)
• AST is having a conversation with OIT to find a way to get the sources for teaching with technology out to faculty
• There are places faculty can go to include technology in their teaching
• There needs to be a one-stop place for faculty to find the resources they need
• The need is for OIT to know what faculty use in the way of technology and what are they interested in using.
  o OIT will do the legwork on the project, but it will come from the BFA
• OIT doesn’t advertise well what they have available
  o They also discontinue some of the things that faculty are using without any warning
• Will OIT use the information to improve the process?
• Faculty needs a place to physically go to learn about and try out some of the technology that is offered
• OIT wants to know what the other sources are that faculty may be using across campus in order to link to that source on their website
• Once in place, OIT needs to keep the compendium updated
• There needs to be consistency – nobody wants to keep re-doing their material every time new technology comes along
• Can there be someone dedicated or connected with staff to assist with technology problems like an Academic Support Technician?
  o OIT doesn’t have fund for that right now
• BFA supports AST’s effort to work with OIT to create a compendium of technology for faculty

Visitors at BFA Meetings (Peggy Jobe)
• Bylaws and Standing Rules state that our meetings are not open meetings
• Concern was raised that the State of Colorado has specific guidelines (laws?) for bylaws of certain entities and that meetings are supposed to be open unless we discuss certain topics. However, visitors cannot speak at meetings. Perhaps our Bylaws and Standing Rules are written incorrectly.
  o Paul Chinowsky is going to check
• What is our legal recourse should a visit not leave when asked? Can we have campus security remove them?
• We must maintain parliamentarian procedures and abide by our Bylaws and Standing Rules
  o Paul Chinowsky is going to check to see what our legal rights are

Kevin MacLennan’s Presentation on Admissions at November Meeting (Jerry Rudy)
• Bill Kaempfer suggested that we organize a BFA committee to assist Admissions in their recruiting efforts
• Faculty would be happy to go out and recruit
• What would be Kevin’s #1 request? Steve McNally said it would be the new building on Euclid
  o We need a central recruiting space for undergrads and International students
    ▪ Must be very intimidating for them when they arrive on campus and do not know where to go
• Should we have faculty interaction with Admissions? How would we go about creating such a committee?
  o Paul Chinowsky is going to reach out to Kevin MacLennan and Kelly Fox to see if they are interested in BFA’s involvement
  o We must have people who are excited about the message and have a heart for recruiting

Ambassador/CU Café Meeting (Paul Chinowsky)
• When we started the Ambassador Initiative we did not realize that there was a similar activity already on campus called CU Café which was started by Jim White
• CU Café goes out and speaks to the community, 12 people are involved
• CU Café officially falls under Continuing Education and is science focused
• The Ambassador Initiative needs to learn from CU Café
• Bring in another 20-30 faculty to grow the program and how do we formalize it?
• On December 3rd there is a meeting at 3 pm in Regent 302, everyone invited who is interested
• In the spring there will be a call to faculty to get more involved
• We should involve Arts and Humanities

Faculty Recognition (Paul Chinowsky)
• The recognition program for faculty is having an effect. People really like it.
• We added the BFA Bagel Days
  o Our students deliver one dozen bagels to the department of the faculty member who was recently recognized

BFA Newsletter (Paul Chinowsky)
• We want to get the newsletter once per month starting at the beginning of the spring semester
• A trial run issue will come out the week of December 9th
• Subjects will include letter from the chair, BFA committee reports, BFA initiative reports, calls for participation, and celebration of the faculty recognition award winners
Need input from faculty to make the newsletter a success

**Discussion on the Department of Humanities (Jerry Rudy)**
- Humanities is facing a problem with fewer resources
- Falls on the Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences – David Boonin
- Paul Chinowsky would like to invite David because we, as faculty, should help with the crisis
- Everything that’s going on right now sends the message that Humanities is second class
- They need to start with a good marketing plan

**BFA Events**
- Instead of a holiday party this year, we’re going to wait until February and have a Celebration of the Faculty event, possibly in the Stadium Club
- End of spring we’ll have an event for the BFA award winners
- Lunch contribution by the BFA on graduation day
  - No exposure for the BFA
  - Is there a faculty member on the Commencement Committee?

Adjourned at 5:25 pm

Submitted by Carrie Olson, BFA Assistant