MINUTES
Boulder Faculty Assembly
February 4, 2016

Attendance

BFA Members Attending
Robin Bernstein                  David Gross                  Jim Meiss                   Kathryn Pieplow
Col. John Cairney, ROTC          Vicki Grove                 Shivakant Mishra           Hillary Potter
Philip Chang                    Aya Gruber                   Roseanna Neupauer          Bryan Taylor
Priscilla Craven                Seth Hornstein               Alistair Norcross          Steve Vanderheiden
Mel Cundiff                     Peggy Jobe                   Rolf Norgaard              Paul Voakes
Bob Ferry                       Joe Jupille                  Silvia Noguren-Liu, EDUC   Glenda Walden
John Gibert                     Daniel Kellogg               Adam Norris                Marty Walter
Phil Graves                     Terry Kleeman                Melinda Piket-May

Liaisons Attending
Bill Kaempfer, Senior Vice Provost and AVC for Budget & Planning
Vonda Maki, Staff Council Liaison
Valerie Musgrave, BFA Assistant
Sierra Swearingen, Boulder Faculty Assembly Coordinator

Guests and Observers Attending
Jason Katzman, Assistant Director, Academic Resource Support, CU Book Store
John S. Meister, Director of Disability Services
Christopher Gotski, CU Book Store Interim Director
Pramila Patel, ICT Accessibility Program Manager
Alaina F. Beaver, OIT Universal Instructional Design Consultant
Regent Linda Shoemaker
Ben Neeser, Communications Specialist, Strategic Relations
Sarah Kuta, Reporter, Boulder Daily Camera

The Boulder Faculty Assembly held a regular meeting on February 4, 2016 in Wolf Law room 207. Chair Melinda Piket-May presided. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

I. Chair’s Report

Piket-May gave brief reports on the following subjects:

a. Campus Climate Survey results are now available online at http://www.colorado.edu/studentsuccess/campus-climate
b. The Diversity Plan has postponed the Inclusive Excellence narrative deadline to March 15th.
c. The Boulder Campus faculty dependent tuition benefit will increase to 20% of tuition this fall.
d. Professional Masters Degrees are being created in a variety of campus departments.
e. UCB’s Space Utilization and Optimization Steering Committee is seeking input and ideas. Please send input to Piket-May or to Bill Kaempfer at William.Kaempfer@Colorado.edu.
f. The BFA Excellence Awards deadline for nominations is February 17th.
g. Content ideas are requested for the BFA’s faculty display case in Coors Events Center.
   
   MOVED by Adam Norris and seconded Joe Jupille that the BFA create an ad-hoc committee as an administrative support structure for the display case.
   Discussion followed. It was suggested that the committee recruit Museum studies students to serve on the ad-hoc committee.
The motion passed with none opposed.

h. BFA members with UCB parking permits may park in lots 470 and 308 during BFA meetings.

i. UCB’s new Office of Performance Improvement (OPI), has a consulting division and has been successfully working with several departments to improve structures and procedures.

MOVED by Adam Norris and seconded by Peggy Jobe that the BFA create an ad-hoc committee to work with OPI. The motion passed without dissent.

j. The Faculty Affairs Committee has developed questions for the Regents about their anti-discrimination laws. Faculty Council is reviewing the questions with University Counsel.

II. Special Reports: Open Educational Resources (OER); and Accessibility

Piket-May introduced Jason Katzman, Assistant Director and Academic Resource Support Department Manager for the CU Book Store. Katzman acknowledged four other attendees, who introduced themselves and briefly summarized their roles.

- John S. Meister, Director of Disability Services
- Christopher Gotski, CU Book Store Interim Director
- Pramila Patel, ICT Accessibility Program Manager
- Alaina F. Beaver, OIT Universal Instructional Design Consultant

Katzman then gave an overview of the great variety of OER content and formats, and of UCB’s growing resources for faculty working with disabled students. Katzman provided three handouts:

- Universal Design & Accessible Materials [addendum A];
- a pamphlet from Disability Services on resources the department offers to faculty [available from Disability Services at dsinfo@colorado.edu]; and
- 7 Things You Should Know About Open Educational Resources [addendum B].

A question-and-answer period followed.

III. Special Report: Academic Policy in times of Campus Closure

Bill Kaempfer, Vice Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning, gave a brief summary of the events surrounding December 15th 2015, a final exam day when the Campus closed due to snow. He added that he has been working with the BFA Executive Committee to augment the existing final exams policy to resolve the hardships the snow closure created.

Discussion followed. Ideas to augment the policy are requested via email to William.Kaempfer@colorado.edu.

IV. Committee Reports: Academic Affairs Committee

Committee Chair Kathryn Pieplow gave a brief summary of the administration’s recent proposal to change UCB’s Honors systems, and reminded the Assembly that they received the Committee’s report on the proposal via email last week.

MOVED by Kathryn Pieplow on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee that the BFA adopt the following resolution:
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Resolution
BFA-R-020416

Resolved, that the Campus should retain its existing Honors designations.

From BFA Faculty Affairs Committee
Approved by the BFA Executive Committee January 25, 2016

Discussion followed.

The motion passed without dissent and with no abstentions.

V. Committee Updates

Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee, Chair Rolf Norgaard
Norgaard reported that the Deans are interested in a third instructor title but have not agreed on a specific title.

Nominations and Elections Committee, Chair Adam Norris
Norris reported that the BFA’s spring election begins in February and March, when the Faculty Senate will elect faculty to BFA committees and to two Assembly seats that represent faculty at-large. The election concludes at the April 7th meeting, when the BFA will elect its officers and committee representatives.

Faculty Affairs Committee, Chair Marty Walter
Walter reported that the committee’s questions for the Regents are intended to begin a conversation, that could clarify the Regents’ intentions and develop additional language for the Regents’ polices.

Diversity Committee, Chair Bob Ferry
Ferry referred to a handout: a draft of FAQs on Inclusive Excellence (IE) [addendum C], and reported that the Committee, together with the Arts and Sciences Council Diversity Committee, would like to be involved in reviewing and assessing the initial IE reports. Ferry will make that request of the Provost.

Administrative Services and Technology, Chair Paul Voakes
The committee is reviewing the results of the faculty survey on Teaching with Technology, conducted in partnership with ASSET and OIT. The results will be presented at a Town Hall meeting on March 8th.

Intercollegiate Athletics, Chair Joe Jupille
Jupille reported briefly on two components of the Committee’s charge: student athletes’ academic success and well-being, and providing a faculty interface with the Athletics Department. Student athletes’ cumulative fall semester GPA was 2.96, Athletics has given the Committee a tour of the new Champion’s Center, and the Committee is monitoring academic programs being developed by the new Center for Sports Governance.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Piket-May adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator.