MINUTES
Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee
March 28, 2016

Executive Committee Members Attending:
Bob Ferry, Vice Chair and Bylaws Committee Co-Chair, Acting Diversity Committee Chair
Adam Norris, Secretary and Nominations and Elections Committee Chair
Jeff Weiss, Executive Committee At-Large BFA Representative
Peggy Jobe, Executive Committee At-Large BFA Representative
Greg Carey, Administrator Appraisal Committee Chair
Moni Fleshner, Budget and Planning Committee Chair
Martin Walter, Faculty Affairs Committee Chair
Joe Jupille, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Chair
Philip Chang, Libraries Committee Chair
Steve Vanderheiden, Student Affairs Committee Chair
David Kassoy, Retired Faculty Association President

Liaisons and Guests Attending:
Bill Kaempfer, Senior Vice Chancellor and Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning
Richard Bateman, UGGS President
Melinda Markin, UGGS Executive Vice-President
Sierra Swearingen, Boulder Faculty Assembly Coordinator

The Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee held a regular meeting on March 28th, 2016 in UMC Room 425. Vice-Chair Bob Ferry presided. The meeting convened at 4:08 p.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

I. Chair’s Report / Vice Chair’s Report

a. Save the Date - Monday April 25th – BFA Excellence Awards Presentation Ceremony and Reception. Location To Be Announced. If you plan to attend RSVP to Sierra.

b. Save the Date - Commencement Saturday, May 7th. BFA sponsors the Chancellor’s Brunch afterwards. Free regalia is available for faculty via the Commencement Website, http://www.colorado.edu/commencement/cu-faculty.

c. Town Hall Part II is April 15th 2-4 p.m. in UMC 235, hosted by the BFA. The Student Affairs Committee is coordinating the event. Please attend.

d. Cynthia Husek and the OPI team will attend the BFA’s April 7th meeting to introduce themselves and report. (OPI: Office of Performance Improvement.)

II. BFA Election Update

Elections and Nominations Committee Chair Adam Norris summarized the BFA election’s status. His comments included the following:

- The external portion of the election, in which the full Faculty Senate elects representatives to the BFA and to its Committees, is complete.
- The election of BFA officers and At-Large Executive Committee members will occur at the next BFA meeting, April 7th. The election of BFA members to BFA Committees will be handled using an electronic ballot.
• Current nominees are:
  o For BFA Chair – Melinda Piket-May
  o For Vice Chair – Adam Norris
  o For Secretary – Vicki Grove
  o For At-Large Executive Committee member - Bob Ferry

Discussion followed. It was agreed that the Executive Committee will work with the Committee after April 7th to ensure that all BFA members have a Committee seat.

III. Budget and Planning Committee Update

Chair Monika Fleshner gave a summary of the Committee’s meetings this semester. Her comments included the following:

• Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Kelly Fox commissioned the Huron Consulting Group this year to analyze UCB’s base budget and develop alternative budget modeling options. Huron’s report is not yet available.
• Fleshner attended the strategic budget retreat in January.
• The Campus’ 2016-2017 budget may make investments in the compression pool, diversity, inclusive excellence, technology and infrastructure, deferred maintenance, and the Vice Chancellor for Research’s program budget.

There followed a report and discussion of Professional Masters Degrees (PMDs):

• The Strategic Budget Retreat spent significant time on PMDs. Tuition in these programs is per credit hour, not restrained by the Regents. The Campus collects a fixed overhead charge of about 30%. The remaining 70% goes back to the unit.
• PMDs are distinct from typical Masters in that they have a more obvious career focus: teaching content that more obviously applies to the workplace.
• CCHE requires an annual accountability report, including degree program enrollments. The report sometimes results in degree programs being terminated.
• Traditional academic Masters will continue to be offered alongside PMDs.
• Disciplines that are not traditionally associated with a specific profession are nevertheless developing PMDs.
• Another opportunity is combined Bachelor’s/PMD programs in disciplines for which the requirements for a Bachelor’s degree alone are insufficient for a career.
• Fleshner requested that administration prepare a presentation of the various existing and planned PMDs at UCB, to encourage departments to participate.

IV. Brief Committee Updates

Libraries Committee – Chair Philip Chang
Chang reported that the Libraries is developing a strategic plan, largely based on the Campus’ three official priorities. The plan may include a new development position.

1 Retention/Student Success, Revenue Diversification, and Advancing Our Reputation.
Student Affairs Committee – Chair Steve Vanderheiden
Vanderheiden requested input from the Executive Committee to help develop plans for the upcoming Town Hall, hosted by the BFA, April 15th, 2-4 p.m. in UMC 235. Discussion followed.

Faculty Affairs Committee - Chair Martin Walter
Walter reported that the Committee has been considering issues around conflicts between Title IX and other civil rights. The Committee has been reviewing an AAUP report, The Uses and Abuses of Title IX. (Available online at http://www.aaup.org/report/history-uses-and-abuses-title-ix).

Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee – Co-Chair Adam Norris
Norris reported that the Committee has crafted a set of suggested policies to govern the Teaching Professor title, and has approached Dean Leigh to solicit his comments.

V. Brainstorming and Discussion

Proposal to Change Presentation Procedures at BFA Meetings

Vice Chair Bob Ferry made the following suggestions and requested feedback.

• When administrators are invited to address the BFA their presentations could be developed or vetted by that division’s associated BFA Committee.
• Presenters should provide those in attendance at BFA meetings with information, relevant to faculty, that they can take back to their departments.
• The format and content of presentations should be aimed at the BFA members and the faculty that they represent, rather than merely a summary of duties.
• Administrators who do not have information to share that is relevant to faculty should not address the BFA.

Commencement and the Commencement Brunch

The Committee developed ideas to increase faculty attendance at Commencement. Comments and ideas included the following:

• Many faculty do not know that regalia is provided free to faculty who attend.
• Many do not open or read email, and therefore do not receive the invitation.
• Reasons to attend commencement should be communicated to the faculty.
• Faculty are more likely to read email if the subject line contains the information that explains why the message is important to them.
• The invitation could provide the menu for the Commencement brunch.

VI. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator.