I. Chair’s Report

a. **BFA Excellence Awards** – The BFA Excellence Awards Ceremony is in mid-April. Executive Committee members are invited, and should contact Sierra for details.

b. **Faculty Nominations Needed** – The Athletics Department has requested nominees for its Clery Committee, which reports to the Federal Government on criminal activities. Please forward nominations to Jerry.Peterson@Colorado.edu.

c. **BFA Resolution Tracking** – The BFA’s resolutions from March 1st have been accepted by Campus Administration with two exceptions. The two motions to create new multi-disciplinary programs may require funding, so their acceptance may take a little longer.

d. **Athletics Recognition Breakfast** – 7am April 24th – Mike Bohn has specifically invited Executive Committee members to attend. Please contact the BFA Office for the location.

e. **Developing Leadership** – Sandy Bracken, Quigg Newton Endowed Chair in Leadership, is interested in developing leadership among students and faculty. The Executive Committee should consider whether the BFA could host, or co-host with Bracken, a faculty development event.

f. **BFA Membership Numbers** – The Rules of the Boulder Faculty Senate require the BFA
membership to be 49 faculty. The BFA Bylaws require a membership of 60. [The BFA is
due to conduct its five-year analysis of representation in Senate Year 2012-2013, and will
be asked to consider the 49-member limit in its re-distribution of representation.]
g. BFA Committee’s Annual Reports – The reports are due before Commencement, and
Committee Chairs will receive stipends after they submit their Committees’ reports.

II. Executive Session: BFA Administrator Appraisal Committee Report

Peterson introduced Sanjai Bhagat, Chair of the BFA Administrator Appraisal Committee.
The Committee then went into Executive Session to discuss the AAp Committee’s survey on
the performance of the Dean of Engineering.

III. Old Business

BFA Communication System

Melinda Piket-May, Chair of the BFA Ad-Hoc Communications Committee, reported that
the Committee has met with Vice Chancellor for Strategic Communications Frances Draper,
who has offered the BFA a column in the Campus’ new electronic newsletter.

Discussion followed, including these points and perspectives:
- The column would need to be managed.
- The BFA may wish to pursue investigative reporting. The column could also report
  what the BFA is doing on their behalf, keep the Campus informed of the value of
  shared governance, and solicit response letters from the faculty at large.
- To make a good, relevant column will require a substantial commitment: it cannot be
done on a volunteer basis.
- The newsletter is proposed to be distributed to faculty, staff, and students via e-mail.
- Doubts were expressed as to whether the newsletter will attract readers.
- There were concerns about how to supply steady content. It was suggested that each
  BFA Committee be asked to write one column per year.
- The Vice Chancellor is planning to introduce the newsletter this fall. The Campus
  may eliminate Buff Bulletins and E-memos at the same time, which could increase
  readership but may curtail the BFA’s ability to communicate with its constituents.
- The BFA’s column should have a sole, committed person who is responsible for
developing its content, such as an additional member of the BFA Executive
Committee. That position would need to be compensated.

Nominations and Elections Committee Status Report

Committee Chair and BFA Secretary Catherine Kunce reported that BFA Officers, At-large
Executive Committee members, and BFA members of BFA Committees will be elected at
the BFA meeting this Thursday. She distributed the list of members who are eligible to be
nominated for those positions, and requested that nominations be made before midnight on
Wednesday, to allow candidates’ names to be pre-printed on the required written ballot.
Merger of Faculty Affairs and Academic Affairs Committees

Faculty Affairs Committee Chair reported that a subcommittee of the two committees is working on a charter for a new, combined committee.

Discussion followed. One Executive Committee member reported that the BFA’s Committee structure was redesigned about ten years ago to mirror Administration’s structure, that the parallel design increased the BFA’s effectiveness significantly, and requested that, whatever changes the two committees pursue, the parallel structure be preserved.

Update on Dependent Tuition Benefits - BFA Budget and Planning Committee

Bill Emery, Chair of the Faculty Council Personnel Committee, reported that he and Jerry Rudy, Chair of the BFA Budget and Planning Committee, have met with Campus finance officials about the cost of providing dependent tuition benefits for Boulder faculty and staff, year-round. The costs depend on various scenarios, the smallest of which is about $3 million. Emery will distribute the explanatory, supporting documentation via e-mail.

Rudy reported that the Campus will, as a pilot project for similar communications in the future, give the faculty the opportunity to weigh the cost of year-round dependent tuition against the list of other Campus-specific benefits, and give faculty the opportunity to make an informed choice about which benefits the campus should invest in. (For example, health benefits are not on the list, because health benefits are a system-level benefit.)

Discussion followed. Emery and Rudy expressed hope that the issue may be resolved in time for spring semester, 2013.

IV. Committee Updates

Diversity Committee – Committee Chair Melinda Piket-May reported the committee is preparing ‘case studies’ of diversity issues in the classroom, and requested faculty contact her with real-life examples from their own experience.

Student Affairs Committee – Committee Chair Mike Klymkowsky reported the Committee has drafted a revision to the Honor Code and is waiting to hear CUSG’s response.

V. Adjournment. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator.