MINUTES
Executive Committee Meeting,
Boulder Faculty Assembly
April 23, 2012

Attending
Jerry Peterson, BFA Chair
Bill Emery, BFA Vice Chair
Catherine Kunce, BFA Secretary
Greg Carey, BFA Executive Committee Member at Large
Carmen Grace, BFA Academic Affairs Committee Chair
Karen Ramirez, BFA Administrative Services & Technology Committee Chair
Melinda Piket-May, BFA Diversity Committee Chair
Paul Chinowsky, BFA Faculty Affairs Committee Chair
Adam Norris, BFA Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee Co-Chair
Elizabeth Bradley, BFA Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Chair
Martha Hanna, BFA Libraries Committee Chair
David Kassoy, Retired Faculty Association Representative
Joe Rosse, Former BFA Chair
Horst Mewes, Arts and Sciences Council Chair
Steven Koenig, President, United Government of Graduate Students
Bill Kaempfler, Vice Provost, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning
Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator

Not Attending
Jerry Rudy, BFA Budget and Planning Committee Chair
Mike Klymkowsky, BFA Student Affairs Committee Chair
Peggy Jobe, BFA Executive Committee Member at Large
Carly Robinson, CUSG Vice President for Internal Affairs

Guest
Larry Levine, Associate Vice Chancellor for IT and C.I.O.

The BFA Executive Committee held its regular meeting on Monday, April 23, 2012 in ATLAS Room 229. Chair Jerry Peterson presided. The meeting convened at 4:00 and adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

I. Chair’s Report

a. Chair’s Breakfast – At the recent Chair’s Breakfast it was announced that the Campus will increase tuition by 5% next year and provide a 2% salary increase pool. Salary caps will not be imposed on faculty, but will be imposed on administrators’ salaries.

b. Summer Executive Committee Meetings – will be held June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th.

c. Regent Communication – The BFA has received a letter from Regent Bosley acknowledging the value of the BFA’s report on this year’s salary increases.
   Discussion followed. The Executive Committee agreed to invite each of the Regents to attend Executive Committee meetings next year.

d. New Athletics Construction Project – Athletics has announced a $300 million infrastructure upgrade.
   Discussion followed. Bradley reported that the BFA’s Intercollegiate Athletics Committee has been consulted on the project.
II. Special Reports

Faculty Roles in OIT Decision-Making

Larry Levine, Associate Vice Chancellor for IT and CIO, gave a report on faculty involvement in IT decision-making. [A handout is available on line at http://tinyurl.com/7698knt.] His report included these points:

- Levine has served as CIO of OIT (formerly “ITS”) for 30 months. In that time he has worked to integrate and improve the IT departments within OIT, and to better integrate OIT with the various IT professionals and groups across campus, in service of the work of faculty, students, and staff. He initiated a strategic plan and program review and collected significant feedback. As a result IT governance now includes several interconnected groups and committees, most of which include faculty and faculty governance [listed on-line at http://avcit.colorado.edu/content/campuswide-it-governance]. These groups provide input and advice to Levine and OIT, and as official advisory groups to UCB’s senior leadership.

- Another major part of IT at CU is the System-level University Information Systems (UIS), which runs all of CU’s major business applications and databases. Examples include ISIS, HRMS, ERA/InfoEd, and the financial system. UIS has experienced several challenges in the last few years including modernization, a move to Denver, and budget cuts, but its performance has recently improved under new leadership (Bob Weir, hired about six months ago) and will continue to do so.

- UIS now has a System-level IT Governance Committee as well (beginning circa fall 2009), which includes VP for HR Jill Pollock, new UIS CIO Bob Weir, the three campus CIOs and fiscal officers, the Chief Information Security Officer, the UCB Registrar, a Faculty Council representative (currently Michael Grant of UCB), and other system officers.

Levine requested input, reporting that OIT seeks to be as transparent and helpful as possible.

There followed a question and answer session, including these points and perspectives:

- Levine reported that OIT employs about 180 staff (FTE), but there are about twice that number of IT-related staff working on campus outside of OIT, resulting in a variety of opportunities to optimize how UCB IT services are provided. He reported that OIT can help, not by centralizing all IT efforts, but by providing a single source for all core IT functions such as e-mail, calendaring, collaboration, academic and research hardware and software, and a single set of security policies. Doing so would allow local IT personnel to concentrate on IT matters that are unique to that department’s discipline or mission. [Please see http://tinyurl.com/727qz28 for a more thorough treatment of this idea.]

- The Executive Committee gave feedback about missing information in MyCUinfo, and problems with student access to the library’s e-reserves. Levine commented that those kinds of problems are ultimately caused by the great variety of identity management and data systems in use across CU. In the short term fixes are possible through patches between systems, which is less efficient than moving all of CU to more integrated identity management systems.
• Koenig offered to help develop student participation in the Student IT Town Halls. It was suggested that town halls occur in the same locations that students do their work.
• Peterson reported that the other schools in the Pac-12 do some IT collaboration, and suggested that the Pac-12 campus CIOs could benefit from meeting as a group. Levine responded that the Pac-12 CIO's recently exchanged email, agreeing to begin meeting as a group.

Levine requested further input be sent to him via email at Larry.Levine@Colorado.edu.

Goals and Initiatives of the United Government of Graduate Students

Steven Koenig, President of UGGS, gave a report that included the following points:

• Accomplishments this year include:
  o Hosted the NAGPS National Conference (National Association of Graduate-Professional Students), and recruited new members from the Western U.S.
  o Participated in NAGPS Legislative Action Day, by sending students each semester to Washington to advocate for CU and for Higher Education.
  o Started new ‘group outreach’ grants, to augment existing UGGS grant programs for travel and on-campus events (this year an outreach grant funded a workshop for teaching philosophy in grade schools).
  o Increased graduate student involvement in CUSG.
  o Performed an “e-mail preference survey” in collaboration with OIT to help the campus choose a new e-mail system for students.
• Initiatives for next year include increasing department representation on UGGS, and exploring the relationship between UGGS and CUSG.

A discussion session followed. Comments and suggestions included:
• UGGS could be involved at the State Legislature each year as well, by developing contacts with the CU Advocates network.
• It would be helpful to know how many educators at Colorado schools received a graduate degree from UCB, to help the legislature understand the importance of graduate education at Boulder. Peterson suggested UGGS contact the state-wide Colorado Faculty Advisory Council (CFAC) for a head-start on collecting data. [CFAC is on line at http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Groups/contacts.asp?cid=254 ]

III. Old Business

Executive Session: Administrator Appraisal Committee Report

There was continued discussion on this year’s appraisal and report process. The Executive Committee agreed that Jerry Peterson and Sanjai Bhagat should meet with the Provost to discuss the results of this year’s AAP process. The Committee also agreed to consider this summer whether to initiate a change to the AAP Committee’s procedures.

IV. New Business – Final Executive Committee Meeting of the Semester
Peterson noted that the last regular meeting of the semester is Monday, April 30th, but requested all members reserve May 14th for a final meeting. [Rescheduled to May 7th.]

V. Adjournment. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator.