MINUTES
Boulder Faculty Assembly
September 1, 2016

Attendance

BFA Members Attending
Julio Baena
Tiffany Beechy
Max Boykoff
Greg Carey
Janet Casagrand
Philip Chang
Cathy Comstock
Bridgett Dalton
Bob Ferry
Phil Graves
Vicki Grove
Aya Gruber
Abby Hickcox
Seth Hornstein
Terry Kleeman
Catherine Kunce
Jim Meiss
Shelly Miller
Shivakant Mishra
Bruce Montgomery
Roseanna Neupauer
Rolf Norgaard
Adam Norris
Kathryn Pieplow
Melinda Piket-May
Philip Chang
Julie Baena
Tiffany Beechy
Max Boykoff
Shelly Miller
Gervais Montaphon
Janet Casagrand
Vicki Grove
Bruce Montgomery
Roseanna Neupauer
Rolf Norgaard
Phil Graves
Cathy Comstock
Abby Hickcox
Seth Hornstein
Terry Kleeman
Catherine Kunce
Kevin Rich
Jamie Skerski
David Slayden
Paul Voakes
Glenda Walden
Marty Walter

BFA Members Not Present
Albert Alhadeff
Robin Bernstein
Priscilla Craven
Mel Cundiff
Mike Dunn
Monika Flesner
David Gross
Allen Harlow
Sarah James
Dan Kellog
Roger King
Jeanne Liotta
Kevin Mahan
Steve Nerem
Alistair Norcross
Patricia Rankin
Ltc. Aaron Roof
Shalom Ruben
Daniel Schwartz
Seth Spielman
Bryan Taylor
Amy Thrasher
Jeff Weiss
Deborah Whitehead
Ping Xu

Liasons Attending
Robert Rupert, Arts and Sciences Counsel Chair [and temporary Philosophy Representative]
David Kassoy, Faculty Retired Faculty Association
Bill Kaempfer, Sr. Vice Provost and A.V.C. for Budget and Planning
Vonda Maki, Staff Council Liaison
Sierra Swearingen, Boulder Faculty Assembly Coordinator
Valerie Musgrave, Boulder Faculty Assembly Assistant

Guests and Observers Attending
Deborah Mendez Wilson, UCB Deputy Spokesperson, Strategic Relations
Sarah Kuta, Reporter, Boulder Daily Camera
Regent Linda Shoemaker

The Boulder Faculty Assembly held a regular meeting on September 1st, 2016 in UMC 235. Chair Melinda Piket-May presided. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

I. Chair’s Report: Melinda Piket-May

1. The BFA once again has an office on Campus: Folsom Stadium Room 111a, inside Gate 3.
2. For the rest of this year the BFA will hold its meetings in the Flatirons Room in C4C.
3. The BFA held a retreat in August facilitated by OPI, the Office of Performance Improvement. The retreat centered on developing a shared understanding of the BFA’s values.
   Discussion followed. Ideas that came out of the retreat include a motion in support of climate change research, an initiative to promote a list of BFA Accomplishments, and a possible increase to the length of BFA officers’ terms.
   OPI will continue to facilitate the process at the BFA meeting on November 3rd.
4. 2016 marks the BFA’s 40-year anniversary. Prior to that date the Boulder Campus faculty governance group was the Faculty Council. In 1976 the University split into four campuses.

5. The Pac-12 Academic Leadership Coalition will meet on the Boulder Campus in October.

6. Guidelines for interacting with political candidates are distributed with today’s agenda. BFA is partnering with UGGS to host a debate between the two candidates for Regent at-large.

7. The BFA Grievance Advisory Committee (GAC) needs an additional member. The committee researches policy and advises reviewers: it does not investigate. GAC is working with University Counsel Maggie Wilinski to increase transparency of UCB and CU policies.

8. The BFA Executive Committee met with the Director of Disability Services to clarify information about the increasing percentage of students needing accommodation. UCB has a severe shortage of space for those accommodations. The BFA Budget and Planning Committee will examine whether the new CASE building next to the UMC could house a testing center.

9. UCB is developing a child protection policy, involving background checks. Please contact Piket-May immediately with comments or concerns.

II. Faculty Council Update: Vicki Grove, BFA Secretary

- The Regents are planning a review and revision of their laws and policies.
- Two items before the Regents this month are new UCB Applied Math Master’s degree, and changing UCB’s Women’s Studies degree to Women and Gender Studies.
- The Boulder Campus is under-represented on Faculty Council Committees. There are vacancies for Communications, Women, Budget, and others. Lunch is provided for these committees. Subject matter this year includes bullying, and the re-design of FCQs.

Discussion followed. The Regents’ policy review will be managed similarly to the APS review of the last few years, including a similar web system for receiving comments and other feedback. [The APS review system is continuing to operate, at www.CU.edu/ope/aps.] BFA will request access to the new system, which is still in draft form, as soon as possible.

III. BFA Committee Election: Vicki Grove, BFA Nominations and Elections Committee Chair.

Piket-May yielded the floor to BFA Secretary Vicki Grove. Grove called the attention of the Assembly to a list of vacancies on BFA Committees, printed on the back of today’s agenda.

- Miller nominated Shalom Ruben for the Student Affairs Committee.
- Casagrand nominated Patricia Rankin for the Budget and Planning Committee.
- Piket-May nominated Patricia Rankin for the Administrator Appraisal Committee.
- Miller nominated herself of the Diversity Committee.
- Dalton nominated herself for the Diversity Committee.
- Kevin Rich nominated himself for the Libraries Committee.
- Bruce Montgomery nominated himself for the Grievance Advisory Committee.
- Tiffany Beechy nominated herself for the Faculty Affairs Committee.

The BFA approved the slate of candidates by acclamation, with no objections or abstentions.

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1 CASE = Center for Academic Success and Excellence.
IV. Committee Reports and Updates

Administrative Services and Technology - Committee Chair Paul Voakes
OIT has eliminated its Faculty Advisory Committee. The BFA AST will take over its duties. The Campus’ contract with D2L expires in Spring 2018.

Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee – Committee Chair Rolf Norgaard

Deans’ Council approved the Teaching Professor title for instructors in February. The BFA Executive Committee approved proposed policies for it in April. The BFA Assembly has not yet voted. Teaching Professor is a working title, meant as an add-on to certain Senior Instructors who qualify to use it. For the purposes of employment contracts UCB will continue to use only the two titles of Instructor and Senior Instructor. Under the proposed policies about 15% of Senior Instructors would qualify.

Moved by Adam Norris and seconded by Catherine Kunce that the BFA suspend its rules in order to allow a vote on approval of the new title. The motion passed with none opposed and no abstentions.

Moved by Rolf Norgaard on behalf of the Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee that the BFA support the working title of Teaching Professor for a certain small subset of very qualified Senior Instructors on the Boulder Campus, with the understanding that policies governing the title have yet to be finalized.

The motion passed with none opposed and no abstentions.

Executive Committee – BFA Chair Melinda Piket-May

The BFA has been asked for nominations to the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee. Bob Ferry volunteered to be nominated.

V. BFA Buzz – Discussion of Possible Topics

Possible topics for the BFA Buzz included:
- The new Teaching Professor title.
- The Hazel Barnes Prize Nomination Deadline, with a link to that website.

Other suggestions were invited. Please send ideas to bfa@colorado.edu.

VI. Discussion: General Issues on Campus

Piket-May invited discussion on any issue. She added that BFA members are expected to report the BFA’s activities to their departments, and to bring feedback and other ideas back to the BFA.

Discussion followed, including the following topics:
- Many faculty may not be aware of what the RAPs are and what they do.
- The Campus needs an advisory committee of staff and faculty who are parents of UCB students.
- The BFA’s apportionment of representation should be revised to allow departments that are part of a pool to choose to send a direct representative.
• The Dean of the Business School has stepped down and will re-join the faculty. Bill Kaempfer will serve as Interim Dean.
• The BFA continues to engage with last year’s Faculty Ombuds Report, through its Faculty Affairs Committee.

VII. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator.