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Executive Committee Meeting
Boulder Faculty Assembly
August 30, 2010

Attending
Joe Rosse, BFA Chair
Ahmed White, BFA Vice Chair
John Toth, BFA Secretary, BFA Student Affairs Committee Chair
Bill Emery, BFA At-Large Executive, Administrative Services & Technology Committee Chair
Melinda Piket-May, BFA At-Large Executive
Elizabeth Bradley, BFA Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Chair
Carmen Grace, BFA Academic Affairs Committee Chair
Marki LeCompte, BFA Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee Chair
Susan Moore, BFA Diversity Committee Chair
Jerry Rudy, BFA Budget and Planning Committee Chair
Eckart Schutrumpf, BFA Faculty Affairs Committee Representative
Horst Mewes, Arts and Sciences Council Chair
Uriel Nauenberg, Former BFA Chair
Bill Kaempfer, Vice Provost, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning
Andrew Poppe, President, United Government of Graduate Students (UGGS)
Sierra Swearingen, BFA Coordinator

A meeting of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee was held on Monday, August 30, 2010, in ATLAS room 229. Chair Joe Rosse presided. The meeting convened at 4:05 and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

I. Chair’s Report, BFA Chair Joe Rosse

Rosse’s report included the following:

a. The Chancellor’s office has asked the BFA whether it prefers the Professional Rights and Duties document (“PRD”) to be official campus policy, or merely an expression of the thoughts of the Faculty Assembly. The document itself is too lengthy to be adopted as is, because policies are required to be short. Jeff Cox, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs, has proposed creating a campus policy whose only purpose is to enact the PRD: it requires the Provost to create the Professional Rights and Duties document in collaboration with the BFA, thereby incorporating the existing document by reference into campus policy.

b. University Counsel has prepared a legal memorandum to respond to the BFA’s motion BFA-X-M-0222101, which approved the report of the BFA’s Ad-Hoc Committee on the Status of Instructors. In short, the BFA’s motion asks administration to create a plan to implement job protections for instructors. University Counsel’s memo interprets Colorado’s Postemployment Compensation

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1 BFA-X-M-022210 is available on the BFA website at www.colorado.edu/FacultyGovernance/committees/MOTRES/BFA-X-M-022210.pdf.
Act as governing instructors, states that instructors are therefore at-will employees, and advises that CU is constrained in its use of multi-year contracts to employ them. Discussion followed.

c. Rosse asked Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee (FCBC) Chair Marki LeCompte to report on recent developments in dependent tuition scholarships. LeCompte reported the following:

i. In July LeCompte and Rosse met with Vice Chancellor for Administration Frank Bruno, and Executive Director of Campus Services Pam Mills, to talk about funding for scholarships from beverage vending contracts.

ii. The campus uses revenue from its beverage vending contract with the Pepsi Corporation to fund these scholarships. Each is for about $750. The campus has also been funding Staff Council from the same revenue source. The FCBC has been working to increasing the share assigned to scholarships, and to increase the amount of each scholarship to $1,000.

iii. The Campus has recently shifted support for Staff Council back to the General Fund, away from beverage vending revenue. Pepsi has agreed to donate an additional $10,000 per year to the campus to support the scholarships. (Kaempfer commented that some of the vending revenue is earmarked to offset the cost to certain auxiliary departments of having vending machines on campus, such as Athletics, Housing, and the UMC.)

iv. Another potential source of funding is the various new third-party cafes around campus, which have been siphoning profits from the vending contract. The FCBC and others are investigating how these contracts have been made, where the profits are going, and whether some of the profits could be put into dependant scholarships.

v. Rosse added that Faculty Council is working along similar lines, to extend CU’s existing faculty / staff tuition benefit to dependents. The President’s Task Force on Efficiency has also taken up a review of that program.

d. Campus Registrar Barbara Todd will attend the BFA meeting on Thursday to discuss special challenges of the new Integrated Student Information System (ISIS).

e. The Campus has created two committees related to its recent decision to start the program discontinuance process of the School of Journalism.

i. One committee, the Academic Review and Planning Advisory Committee (ARPAC) will review whether program discontinuance is good option.

ii. The other is an exploratory committee to look at creating a program in ‘new information,’ which may have some overlap with the School of Journalism. The Campus has requested the BFA provide one member of the exploratory committee, from the Natural Sciences area. [Uriel Nauenberg of Physics was present and agreed to serve on the committee.]

f. The Regents have finished revising CU’s “Guiding Principles” without including last year’s proposal that faculty be required to be politically diverse.

g. The Regents have finished revising CU’s Presidential Search process. Faculty remain short of a majority on the search committee.

II. Committee Report: Nominating and Elections Committee

2 Colorado’s Postemployment Compensation Act is located at Section 24-19-101, Colorado Revised Statutes.
BFA Secretary and Committee Chair LTC John Toth reported the following:

a. Of vacant BFA positions, one represents faculty at large and may be filled only by
election. Toth recommended leaving it vacant for now due to cost.

b. The Committee is developing a slate of candidates to fill vacancies on BFA
committees. Toth recommended asking the BFA ratify most of the nominations via
vote at a BFA meeting. Two committee positions may require an election at a BFA
meeting, as more than one candidate has expressed an interest in these positions.

c. The Committee is working to find nominees to fill vacancies on the Boulder
Campus Planning Commission (BCPC) and on Faculty Council Committees.

d. Several vacancies remain on the Nominating and Elections Committee itself. The
current members are only the BFA Secretary and the two BFA Executive Committee
Members At-Large. Finding additional members is a high priority in order to
develop as wide a network as possible for filling committee positions.

III. Welcome Back Strategy Session

Rosse distributed a “Committee Agenda Matrix” summarizing action items of BFA
committees, developed last year by the BFA Office. Discussion followed. Rosse asked
chairs to please send additions and corrections to Sierra, to keep the Matrix up-to-date.

Rosse reminded committee chairs that there are three sources for committee agenda items: (1)
the BFA Standing Rules\(^3\), (2) matters referred to the committee by the BFA Chair or
Executive Committee, and (3) committees’ own initiatives. Rosse noted that committees’
activities can overlap into subject areas for which other committees are responsible, and asked
that chairs therefore keep each other (and the Executive Committee) informed about their
activities. Rosse added that chairs are expected to make annual reports about their progress.

Rosse reported that the BFA’s budget contains a certain amount of funding for committee
activities and encouraged the committees to think about how best to use those funds.
Discussion followed, including the following:

(1) Is it possible to use the funds to provide stipends or research account support to
compensate committee chairs?

(2) The funds could be used to do committee-related research, for example to send a
representative to COIA meetings (Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics).

(3) The funds could be used as a small ‘committee assistance’ allowance managed by
the BFA office, to pay for books and other incidentals related to committee work.

An open forum discussion period followed, on the topics of most concern to faculty
governance this year. Topics included faculty salary merit increases, how to increase job

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\(^3\) Charges to the committees are available on the BFA website at
http://www.Colorado.edu/FacultyGovernance/bylaws/standingrules.html#V. Each committee also has a separate
webpage with the current roster of members and the charge to that committee.
security for instructors, possible challenges in implementing CU’s plan to increase its share of international students (especially undergraduates), and campus parking fees.

Moore encouraged everyone to attend the Diversity Summit, November 2 and 3 in the UMC.

Emery reported the Administrative Services and Technology Committee has been talking with Vice Chancellor for Administration Frank Bruno about parking fees, and that Bruno is interested in seeing parking rates decrease.

IV. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Swearingen-Todd, BFA Coordinator.