

Colleagues have encouraged me to run for Boulder Faculty Assembly chair, and after thinking about it for some time, I've decided to give it a go. I ask for your support.

I have considerable experience in faculty governance, experience which will make it possible for me to start quickly as BFA chair. I was chair of the Arts and Sciences Council for three years (2008-2010 and again 2012-2013). I have served the Boulder Faculty Assembly continuously since 2013 in various capacities. These include: at-large representative, 2013-2014; vice chair, 2014-2016; chair of the Bylaws Committee, 2014-2016, and continuing to the present as a member of that Committee; member of the Budget and Planning and the Intercollegiate Standing Committees, 2013 to the present; member and interim chair of the Diversity Committee, 2015 to the present. I have served on the Nominations and Elections Committee. I was a member of the special *ad hoc* committee that examined the case of Professor Adler in 2014. And, no less important, at present I am the unit representative for the History Department (arguably the most progressive and diverse faculty unit on the Boulder campus).

This experience should qualify me to run for BFA chair, and it is fair to say that I have a good working knowledge of the Assembly. I am glad to have had a hand in the good work that the Assembly has done during these last several years. But my reason for wanting to lead the BFA is based on a perception that I have had since I joined the Assembly after having served previously on the Arts and Sciences Council. That perception is that the BFA can do a better job of creating and maintaining functional and meaningful relationships with the units and academic groups that it structurally represents. This has been a stated goal of previous chairs, and from time to time members of the Assembly have called for initiatives to make the links between the BFA and the faculty rank-and-file more viable and robust. The problem is not a simple one to resolve, but if elected chair I will make a concerted and continuous effort to see that *all* the business of the BFA – what takes place in the monthly Assembly meetings and in the standing committees – is always directed at informing, and of course benefitting, the faculty as a whole. I will also encourage us to look for ways to encourage its constituent faculty units and groups to call on the BFA – for information, for inquiries and for policy.

I strongly believe that the BFA owes it to the Boulder faculty to find ways to become more effectively their representative voice. I hope you agree.