

BFA DEI Statue Statement

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Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Statue of Coach Bill McCartney

Dear Members of the Boulder Faculty Assembly,

We, the BFA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, write to express concerns shared by members of our campus community about the proposed statue honoring former CU football coach Bill McCartney.

While Coach McCartney's athletic achievements are part of CU's history, his public support for Amendment 2, legislation aimed at denying protections to LGBTQ+ individuals and his founding of the Promise Keepers, a group linked to Christian nationalism and homophobia, are deeply at odds with the values CU strives to uphold.

Honoring him with a statue sends a harmful message that such rhetoric can be overlooked in favor of athletic success. This contradicts CU Athletics stated values of respect and integrity and risks alienating LGBTQ+ students, faculty, staff, and prospective students.

In the name of shared governance, we urge BFA to take a public stance and ask the university to reconsider this decision.

Thank you for your time and leadership. We welcome continued dialogue on this matter.

Best regards,

BFA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Members