



Boulder Faculty Assembly

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

BFA Bylaws & Elections Committee Motion

Improving Representation for Large Units

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Whereas; currently there are three departmentalized schools on the Boulder Campus, namely the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and the College of Communication, Media, Design and Information, where each department is allotted one assembly member regardless of size in terms of faculty senate members,

and,

Whereas; currently the Leeds School of Business, College of Music, Law School, the Library, and the School of Education are schools or units without departmental structure, where each is allotted one assembly member regardless of size in terms of faculty senate members, except for the Leeds School of Business which is allotted two assembly members,

and,

Whereas; currently 70% of the allotted assembly seats are assigned to the College of Arts & Sciences despite only 47% of the Faculty Senate residing in the College of Arts & Sciences,

and,

Whereas; the Boulder Faculty Assembly should be more representative of the Boulder Faculty Senate,

and,

Whereas; the Boulder Faculty Assembly will be more representative of the Boulder Faculty Senate if large departments and non-departmentalized schools have additional representation,

and,

Whereas; Article I, Section 1(b) of the BFA Standing Rules currently reads as

“All Traditional and Other Units shall have at least one representative.”

and,

Whereas, Article I, Section 1(f) of the BFA Standing Rules imposes a limit of four representative from any recognized unit, except that a recognized unit may have five representatives in the case that one of the five is the Chair-elect, Chair, or Immediate Past Chair,

Let it be resolved that Article I, Section 1(b) of the BFA Standing Rules be modified to read as follows:

“All Traditional and Other Units shall have at least one representative. If a Traditional or Other Unit’s



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size, as measured by number of faculty senate members, exceeds 45, then that unit will be allotted a number of representative seats that is equal to their number of faculty senate members divided by 45, rounding up to the next whole number if 45 does not divide the number of faculty senate members evenly.

To ensure units have the appropriate number of representatives allotted to them, the BFA Parliamentarian will check the size of each department in September of each Academic Year, as measured by the number of faculty senate members, using data provided by the university. Using this data, the BFA Parliamentarian will inform units of any changes in their allotted assembly seats from one academic year to the next. If a unit disagrees with the measurement, they may appeal and work with the BFA Parliamentarian to verify the measurement. A unit may choose not to use any additional allotted seats if that is their preference.”

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