



Boulder Faculty Assembly

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BFA Bylaws & Elections Committee Notice of Motion Proposed Changes to the BFA and Standing Rules 2026

BFA-2026-03-24-1-M

Whereas; after the adoption of BFA-M-4-112822, the BFA Standing Rules Article I, Section 1(d) was updated as follows;

“Fourteen at-large representatives shall be elected by and from members of the Faculty Senate for three-year staggered terms. No more than nine of these members shall be from the College of A&S and no more than six shall be from any other School, College, Institute, or the Boulder Campus Libraries. Four of the at-large seats shall be reserved for Teaching/Clinical faculty, but no more than seven shall be held by Teaching/Clinical faculty. No more than three members from any type of recognized academic unit may serve at one time as at-large representatives to the Assembly.”

and,

Whereas; the BFA Standing Rules Article I, Section 1(f) currently contradicts this and reads as follows;

“No more than two members from any type of recognized academic unit may serve at one time as elected representatives to the Assembly. Exception: three faculty from a single recognized academic unit may serve at one time as elected representatives when the Assembly Chair is a member of that unit.”

and,

Whereas; after the adoption of BFA-M-2-103023, the BFA Bylaws Article I Section 2 currently reads as follows:

“BFA officers and Executive Committee members at-large shall be elected from the voting membership of the Assembly during the last meeting of the Spring semester. Terms of office commence July 1st and run in increments of two calendar years, and eligible for a second term of one additional year.”

Whereas; after the adoption of BFA-M-1-110722, the BFA Bylaws Article I Section 2 had read as follows;

“BFA officers and Executive Committee members at-large shall be elected from the membership of the Assembly at the last meeting of the Spring semester. Officers must be members of the Faculty Senate holding no administrative appointment above the level of department chair, division chair, division director, and institute/center director. Terms of office commence July 1st and run in increments of two calendar years, and are eligible for a second term of one additional year.”

and,

Whereas; the Assembly would like to reaffirm that Officers must be members of the Faculty Senate holding no administrative appointment above the level of department chair, division chair, division director, and institute/center director,



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and,

Whereas; BFA Bylaws Article I Section 4 currently reads as follows:

“The Chair of the Assembly shall, upon election to the position, vacate his or her representative seat on the Assembly and shall be considered an elected member of the Assembly-at-Large. The Chair is initially elected for a term of two years. The Chair shall remain eligible for re-election to a second term of one year. The Chair’s representative seat shall be filled according to the procedures described in Article II, Section 6.”

and,

Whereas; BFA Standing Rules Article I Section 4 currently has no content,

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Whereas; each of the Chair-Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair should generally represent the interests of the Faculty Senate as opposed to their respective departments or units;

and,

Whereas; the BFA Bylaws and Standing Rules Article III were updated in AY 2024-2205 to reflect a new Chair structure consisting of a Chair-Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair;

and,

Whereas; Article III Section 1 of the Bylaws currently reads as follows:

“The Officers of the Assembly shall be the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Parliamentarian & Chair of Bylaws and Elections. Nominees for Chair-Elect must have served at least four of the previous five years as a member of the BFA contiguous with the time of their nomination. There shall also be two Executive Committee Members-at-Large, and upon initial election each serves a term of three years. The Officers and the Executive Committee Members-at-Large shall be elected by the current voting members of the Assembly in an open meeting as provided in the Standing Rules.”

and,

Whereas; Article III Section 3 of the Bylaws is not consistent with the new officer structure and reads as follows:

“Officers of the Assembly and the Executive Committee Members-at-Large may be re-elected for a second term of one year. Upon completion of a second consecutive term, the Officers and Executive Committee Members-at-Large are not eligible to run for the same position for a period of one year.”

and

Whereas; the new operating procedure has been to consider the Chair-Elect, Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Parliamentarian and Chair of the Bylaws & Elections Committee, and the Shared Faculty Governance Advisor as officers of the assembly,

and,

Whereas; after the adoption of BFA-M-4-022625, the Bylaws Committee and the Elections and Nominations Committee were merged to form the Bylaws & Elections Committee,



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and,

Whereas; Article V(a), Section 2 reads as follows:

“Standing committees may be created, modified, and dissolved by the Assembly. The charge and purpose of each committee should be determined by the Assembly and incorporated into the Standing Rules of the BFA.”

and,

Whereas; the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee has not been staffed in some time and the Faculty Affairs Committee is updating its charge to consider issues of compensation and the Budget and Planning and Teaching Faculty Affairs Committees already considers issues of compensation,

Let it be resolved that BFA Standing Rules Article I Section 1(f) be amended to read as follows:

“No more than *three* members from any type of recognized academic unit *beyond those assigned in Article I, Section 1(b) of these standing rules* may serve at one time as elected representatives to the Assembly. Exception: *four* faculty from a single recognized academic unit *beyond those assigned in Article I, Section 1(b) of these standing rules* may serve at one time as elected representatives when the Chair-Elect, Chair, or Immediate Past Chair is a member of that unit. The Chair-Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair must reside in distinct units.”

and,

Let it be resolved that BFA Bylaws Article I Section 2 be amended to read as follows:

“BFA officers and Executive Committee members at-large shall be elected from the voting membership of the Assembly during the last meeting of the Spring semester. An exception to this is the Shared Faculty Governance Advisor, whose eligibility requirements are outlined in Article III Section 6 of the BFA Standing Rules. Officers must be members of the Faculty Senate holding no administrative appointment above the level of department chair, division chair, division director, and institute/center director. Terms of office commence July 1st and run for a length according to the description of that officer title.”

and,

Let it be resolved that BFA Bylaws Article I Section 4 be amended to read as follows:

“The Chair-elect of the Assembly shall, upon election to the position, vacate their representative seat on the Assembly and shall be considered an elected member of the Assembly-at-Large. They will maintain this At-Large status for their time as Chair-elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair, as outlined in Article III. The Chair-elect’s representative seat shall be filled according to the procedures described in Article II, Section 6.

If the department or unit in which a candidate for Chair-elect resides believes it would face a hardship by having to select another member of that unit to be a representative of the BFA, it may petition the Executive Committee so that, if elected, this candidate be allowed to continue to serve as that department or unit’s representative.”



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and,

Let it be resolved that BFA Standing Rules Article I Section 4 be amended to read as follows:

“If the department or unit in which a candidate for Chair-elect resides believes it would face a hardship by having to select another member of that department or unit to be a representative of the BFA, it may petition the Executive Committee at least a week prior to the election for Chair-elect to ask that, if elected, this candidate be allowed to continue to serve as that department’s or unit’s representative. The Executive Committee may approve such a petition with a majority vote.”

and,

Let it be resolved that BFA Standing Rules Article III Section 1 be amended to read as follows:

“The Officers of the Assembly shall be the Chair-Elect, Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Parliamentarian and Chair of the Bylaws & Elections Committee, and the Shared Faculty Governance Advisor. Nominees for Chair-Elect must have served at least four of the previous five years as a member of the BFA contiguous with the time of their nomination, or other relevant recent experience such as leadership in other faculty governance positions as approved by a two thirds majority of the Executive Committee. There shall also be two Executive Committee Members-at-Large, and upon initial election each serves a term of three years. The Officers and the Executive Committee Members-at-Large shall be elected by the current voting members of the Assembly in an open meeting as provided in the Standing Rules.”

and,

Let it be resolved that BFA Bylaws Article III Section 3 be amended to read as follows::

“Upon completion of their role as Immediate Past Chair, they are not eligible to hold the position of Chair-elect for a period of one year.

The Parliamentarian and Chair of the Bylaws & Elections Committee, Shared Faculty Governance Advisor, and the Executive Committee Members-at-Large may be re-elected for a second term of one year. Upon completion of a second consecutive term, the Parliamentarian and Chair of the Bylaws & Elections Committee, Shared Faculty Governance Advisor, and Executive Committee Members-at-Large are not eligible to run for the same position for a period of one year.”

and,

Let it be resolved that any remaining references in the BFA Bylaws and the BFA Standing Rules to “Past Chair” be changed to “Immediate Past Chair.”

and,

Let it be resolved that all references in the BFA Bylaws and the BFA Standing Rules to the “Bylaws Committee” or to the “Nominations and Elections Committee” be changed to “Bylaws and Elections Committee.”

and,

Let it be resolved that the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee be dissolved and removed from both the BFA Bylaws and Standing Rules.



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Approved by BFA Representatives via ballot from April 23-24th unanimously with 49 affirmative votes.

APPROVED