



Boulder Faculty Assembly

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

BFA General Assembly Notice of Motion
Resolution calling on the chancellor to engage faculty in OpenAI contract negotiations
BFA-26-28-09-1-R

Whereas generative AI constitutes a technology that concerns pedagogy, curriculum, research, scholarly or creative works, and academic ethics; and

Whereas the University of Colorado Regent Law stipulates that “faculty have principal responsibility for decisions concerning pedagogy, curriculum, research, scholarly or creative work, academic ethics”;¹ and,

Whereas the Boulder Faculty Assembly and the Boulder Faculty Senate are the campus-wide faculty governance bodies for expressing faculty voice on matters concerning “pedagogy, curriculum, research, scholarly or creative work, academic ethics” and

Whereas the vendor OpenAI has demonstrated repeatedly that they do not prioritize the ethical principles commonly adhered to by higher education institutions, such as intellectual property rights, student health and wellbeing, end-user privacy, environmental stewardship, and socioeconomic stability.²

Be it Resolved that the Boulder Faculty Assembly call on the chancellor of the Boulder campus to not renew or extend the contract with Open AI.

Be it Resolved that the Boulder Faculty Assembly call on the chancellor of the Boulder campus to consult a faculty-led working group, chosen in conjunction with the Boulder Faculty Assembly, to negotiate any renewal or extension of the Open AI contract for the Boulder campus.

Be it further resolved that the university administration work with the Boulder Faculty Assembly and college faculty governance groups, as appropriate, to develop an AI strategy that meets the various needs of our campus community before initiating, extending, or modifying any AI contracts, so that we minimize 1) disruption to undergraduate education, 2) endangerment of intellectual property rights, or 3) potential harm to the wellbeing of our community.

*Approved by the BFA Executive Committee on September 28, 2026
Submitted to the BFA General Assembly on October 1, 2026
Vote on in person during the BFA General Assembly, approved via 39
affirmative votes, 8 negative votes, and 1 abstention.*

¹ <https://www.cu.edu/regents/law/5>

² <https://www.brown.edu/news/2025-10-21/ai-mental-health-ethics>
<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/nov/11/chatgpt-violated-copyright-laws-german-court-rules>

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