



Boulder Faculty Assembly

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To: BFA General Assembly Meeting Attendees

RE: March 7, 2024 General Assembly Meeting Summary

Thank you for your participation and attendance at last week's General Assembly meeting. Please see below for a summary of agenda items, as well as related links. Meeting documents can be found in the shared AY23-24 General Assembly Google folder or are linked below. Final meeting minutes will be sent to representatives for approval by March 29, 2024.

Please share all items widely with your constituents and encourage colleagues to view the [March 7, 2024 BFA Assembly news story](#) and the [CU Boulder Today Assembly news story](#).

Best Regards,

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I. [Buff Undergraduate Success \(BUS\) Update](#) –

- Katherine Eggert, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Assessment
- Joe Thomas, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

The revised charge for this project will focus on “cross-functional and cross-campus collaboration that results in policy and process improvement for all undergrads and particularly for underrepresented students from historically marginalized groups...” Eggert also noted that while CU Boulder graduation rates are behind peers, they are moving up (75% from 70%). Eggert also noted things faculty can do to help:

- Use course alerts
- Keep student apprised of assignment grades and performance in Canvas
- Visit the [Center for Teaching & Learning website \(CTL\)](#) and review offerings for faculty
- Be aware of “high impact” courses that can stall students in their academic careers. Examples include courses that:
 - are taken by a large percentage of first-year students
 - have DVW raters of greater than 15%
 - have equity gaps of greater than 10%

II. [IT Decision Framework Model](#) –

- Janet Casagrand, BFA Academic Technologies & Services Chair
- Marin Stanek, VC IT/CIO
- Orrie Gartner, AVC IT/Deputy CIO
- Elizabeth Romero Fuerte, AVP/AVC Academic Tech & Student Support

OIT is implementing this model (also known as a campus IT governance model) to improve campus input, communication, safety, and decision-making processes on campus. The BFA Academic Technologies & Services committee will be a key partner, and committee chair Janet

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Casagrand will also sit on the Student & Academic Technology (SATC) committee to provide faculty input.

III. [APS 5060 Faculty Appointments](#) – Alastair Norcross, BFA Vice Chair & CU Faculty Council Chair

Changes to this administrative policy statement went into effect on July 1, 2023. While campuses may choose to use either Instructor or Teaching Professor titles, Boulder will use Teaching Professor. That adjustment still needs to be made at System in CU's HCM software which is expected to happen sometime this spring/summer.

- [CU Faculty Senate Constitution](#) –
 - Although the appendix of APS5060 outlines faculty titles, the Faculty Senate Constitution defines membership in the CU Faculty Senate*.
 - Faculty Council has updated the Constitution to reflect APS5060 changes. A change to the constitution requires 2/3 majority approval by all University of Colorado faculty senate members.
 - Faculty who are eligible to vote will receive the ballot before April 1.
 - Please ensure your colleagues are aware of this process and encourage them to vote.
- CU Boulder Lecturers –
 - APS 5060 defines Lecturers as temporary employees with less than a 50% appointment and are hired to teach one course. However, most lecturers on this campus are hired to teach more than one course and have greater than 50% appointments so System has asked Boulder to resolve this issue. Provost Moore formed a task force to work on solutions and guidelines for this issue. Members include Katherine Eggert, Robin Fergus, Shelly Miller, and Ann Schmiesing. Miller asked reps to contact her at bfa@colorado.edu if they (or a colleague) have ideas/experience in this kind of problem-solving.

IV. [BFA Campus Updates](#)

- [Climate Action Plan \(CAP\) feedback review](#) – the comment/feedback period closed on March 5th.
- [Western District Energy Plant](#) – The BFA has convened a shared governance team along with staff from Infrastructure and Sustainability to review the decision to upgrade this plant on main campus and determine if there is a better solution or additional recommendations to be made.
- [Chancellor Candidate Visits](#) – Per two e-memos (March 1 and March 6) the CU Boulder Chancellor Search Committee has asked campus members to save the date for open forum(s) with candidate(s). These will be held the week of March 18. Miller has asked representatives to encourage their colleagues to attend to ensure there is faculty feedback on the candidate(s). At this time it has not been determined if there will be more than one, but if there are those sessions will be on different days at the times listed below:
 - Faculty – 8:00 a.m., UMC Ballroom
 - Staff – 9:15 a.m., UMC Ballroom
 - Students – 5:00 p.m., Location on campus, TBD

V. [Faculty Affairs Committee \(FAC\) Resources for Open Access Changes](#) –

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- Steve Vanderheiden, BFA Faculty Affairs Committee Chair
- Melissa Cantrell, Ctr for Research Data/Digital Scholarship, FAC member

The FAC has created a resource document for faculty regarding recent changes in [Open Access \(OA\)](#) guidelines. Please share widely with your colleagues.

VI. BFA Announcements – Vicki Grove, BFA Secretary

- [2024 Excellence Award winners](#) have been announced and to save the date for the ceremony on **Thursday, April 18 in the UMC from 4:30-6:30pm**
- Remind colleagues to vote in the current election for [BFA At-Large Representative Elections](#) which closes on Friday, March 15.

**At the University of Colorado, the “faculty senate” refers to all faculty who are eligible to vote and take part in shared faculty governance processes. Whereas the Faculty Council is the elected System wide faculty governance body, and the Boulder Faculty Assembly is the campus faculty governance body. At most other institutions the “faculty senate” refers to the elected university faculty governance body. See the [Boulder Faculty Senate webpage](#) for more information.*

NOTE: In order to access the [Google 2023-24 BFA General Assembly shared folder](#), you must be logged into your CU Gmail (CUidentikey@colorado.edu). If you get an error message you are logged into your personal Google account and will need to switch accounts.

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