



Boulder Faculty Assembly

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BFA General Assembly

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 2024

The Boulder Faculty Assembly held a regular meeting which also served as the annual meeting of the Boulder Faculty Senate on Thursday March 7, 2024, via Zoom. BFA Vice Chair Alastair Norcross presided over the meeting. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. and was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Please see both the [BFA](#) and [CUBT](#) news stories on the meeting.

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

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

Project members Eggert and Thomas updated faculty regarding the revised charge for the group which includes a focus on: “cross-functional and cross-campus collaboration that results in policy and process improvement for all undergraduate students and particularly underrepresented students from historically marginalized groups.” The project includes new members and is also working in concert with the priority projects as directed by the Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Strategic Resource Services. [BUS presentation slides](#).

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

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

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) introduced a new IT decision framework model that campus will utilize to make decision-making more effect, more transparent, and to align with overall institution academic and research goals. Faculty will be represented in this model by the chair of the [BFA Academic Technologies & Services committee \(ATSC\)](#) who will have a seat on the Student & Academic Technology committee. [IT Decision Framework Model Slides](#).

III. [APS 5060 Faculty Appointments](#) – Alastair Norcross, BFA V. Chair/ CU FC 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 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.



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- 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

- **Chancellor Candidate Visits** – Faculty Session scheduled for **8am on Thursday, April 4 in the Aspen Rooms at the UMC**. [Please see email from Shelly.](#)
- **CAP** – the feedback received on the CAP draft are being incorporated into the final document which is expected to be released at the end of April.
- **Western Dist. Energy Plant** – The Climate Action Shared Governance Committee submitted a preliminary recommendation. Following conversations with SRS this will be posted on the BFA website.

V. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) Resources for Open Access Changes –

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

The BFA Faculty Affairs committee shared a resource document related to Open Access changes for faculty reference. Please share widely: [FAC Open Access Changes Resources](#)

VI. BFA Announcements – Vicki Grove, BFA Secretary

- Please join us in celebrating the **2024 Excellence Award winners** at the [Thursday, April 18 Excellence Awards ceremony](#). All campus members are invited. [RSVP here](#).
- Please see the results for the 2024 BFA Assembly At Large Representative elections and join us in congratulating the winners. These terms are for three years from FA24-SP27:
 - Ernesto Acevedo Muñoz, Professor - Cinema Studies & Moving Image Arts
 - Bobby Benim, Assistant Teaching Professor – Applied Mathematics
 - Caitlin Charlet, Associate Teaching Professor – Environmental Design
 - Michael Ferguson, Associate Professor – Political Science
 - Victoria Hand, Associate Professor – School of Education
 - Catherine Kunce, Associate Teaching Professor - Program for Writing & Rhetoric
 - Carmen Pacheco, Scholar in Residence - Mechanical Engineering
 - Markus Pflaum, Professor - Mathematics
 - David Quigley, Assistant Teaching Professor – Computer Science
 - Ted Shear, Assistant Teaching Professor – Philosophy
- The call for nominations for BFA Officers was sent to representatives on April 2, 2024. See the [BFA elections webpage](#) for details.



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Meeting Attendance and Documents

Assembly Attendance: Please see the attached list of meeting attendees

Meeting Documents: All the below documents can be found in the [Google 2023-24 BFA General Assembly shared folder](#) under the corresponding semester and meeting date.

- BUS_BFA_03.07.24.pdf
- IT Decision Framework BFA 03.07.24
- APS 5050 07.01.23 March Assembly Highlights
- FAC Resources related to Open Access Changes
- 2024 Excellence Awards Announcement

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