



Boulder Faculty Assembly

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To: BFA General Assembly Meeting Attendees

RE: September 5, 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 AY24-25 General Assembly Google folder or are linked below. Final meeting minutes will be sent to representatives for approval by September 30, 2024.

Please share this email with your constituents and encourage colleagues to view the September 5, 2024 BFA Assembly news story and the [CU Boulder Today Assembly news story](#).

Best Regards,

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I. Address to Assembly – Todd Saliman, CU President

The BFA welcomed CU President Todd Saliman to the first assembly meeting of the year. The BFA Executive Committee had sent a list of discussion items the previous week which included:

- State funding and ballot measures – the final compromise on recent legislative bills on property taxes was supported by CU but will still have a major financial impact on higher ed over the next ten years.
- Diversity at state and university level – no concerns about state or Regent changes to DEI commitments in Colorado. Also, emphasized that great work is happening on the Boulder campus.
- Climate crisis steps at System level – Updates to older buildings on campus are impeded by funding issues, but Saliman is very pleased with Chancellor Schwartz's addition of a V.C. for Sustainability. Saliman also noted several system areas that are tracked in [strategic plan metrics](#) and [2023 sustainability report](#).
- Free Speech – CU protects the right to free speech, but also follows campus rules that might come into play, such as the camping ban at Auraria last year. Regent policy reiterated who has the right to speak on behalf of the university last spring.

II. Administrator Appraisal Report – V.Provost & AVC Faculty Affairs, Michele Moses

Deb Cantrell, chair of the BFA administrator appraisal committee reviewed last spring's report on Michele Moses. Ratings for Moses were among the highest the committee had seen. Moses also committed to more engagement with BFA from her office. Details can be found on the report in the shared folder.

III. Update: [BFA-R-3-042224 Recommendation to Review Campus FCQ Processes](#)

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The BFA will work with Katherine Eggert's office to form a working group to review the campus Faculty Course Questionnaire process this fall. Representatives, or any of their constituents who are interested in being part of this effort should contact Shelly at bfa@colorado.edu

- IV. AY24-25 BFA Goals & Priorities - Shelly Miller, BFA Chair
Miller thanked members for answering the survey regarding goals and priorities. The Executive Committee will be reviewing the responses and these will help form a three-year plan for BFA working items. Miller will communicate with representatives on this later in September.
- V. BFA Committee Updates – Shelly Miller, BFA Chair
- ***Budget & Planning Committee (BPC) Pause*** – please consider participating on a working group to reimagine this committee over the course of AY24-25. Contact Shelly at bfa@colorado.edu for more information.
 - ***Campus Operations & Resources Committee (CORC)*** – three open seats for A&S faculty remain open and committee chair Peter Hamlington updated members on the first year of work and encouraged reps to consider joining.
 - ***BFA & CTL AI Working Group*** – The BFA is partnering with the Center for Teaching & Learning to form a working group to consider ongoing efforts of faculty in this arena. Representatives are asked to consider joining and to encourage their colleagues to join. Contact bfa@colorado.edu or ctl@colorado.edu to let us know about your interest. ***Members are also asked to broadly advertise the following groups they can join:***
 - [CU Boulder AI Community of Practice \(AI CoP\)](#)
 - [CTL Teaching & Learning in the age of AI](#)
 - [CTL AI Ambassadors](#)
- VI. BFA Elections – Internal elections concluded September 5th and External elections begin September 9. All campus faculty senate members are eligible to nominate themselves and serve on a BFA standing committee. Additionally, there are Boulder seats open on Faculty Council committees. BFA members vote on nominees during external elections via Qualtrics on September 19 & 20.
- VII. CU Faculty Council Updates – Alastair Norcross, CU Faculty Council Chair & BFA Vice Chair
- All university faculty will receive an email asking them to ***vote on the system faculty constitution*** which is being updated to reflect new titles (teaching professors, etc.) as well as a change in officer roles (chair-elect; chair; immediate past chair). Please encourage your constituents to vote to approve.
 - Norcross attends Board of Regent meetings and will be speaking at the September 12-13 meeting. He asked representatives to provide feedback to a ***proposed amendment to Regent Policy 1D Freedom of Expression*** that would require faculty, staff and students to add a disclaimer to any communication in “digital spaces” to distinguish between personal beliefs/statements and speaking on behalf of CU. Representatives received an email from the BFA Office on September 10th with details. Links provided in that communication included:

1. *Read through the proposed changes and rationale*
 - a. *Regent Policy 1D*

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- i. [Proposed Changes](#)
- ii. [Justification](#)
- 2. Send comments to any/all of the below:
 - a. [CU Board of Regents Policy Feedback Form](#)
 - b. Paste comments in the [Freedom of Expression Policy Changes BFA Feedback Google Sheet](#) (Norcross will share these at this week's BOR meeting)
 - c. Email additional comments/questions to:
 - i. Alastair Norcross, CU Faculty Council Chair: alastair.norcross@colorado.edu
 - o
 - ii. Shelly Miller, BFA Chair: bfa@colorado.edu

AY4-25 BFA General Assembly Google Folder:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kvw0lcUSC1LR7zFikzWoRomMOzmQhWPv?usp=drive_link

note: 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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