



# Boulder Faculty Assembly

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## **BFA General Assembly**

### Meeting Minutes

*Thursday, September 5, 2024*

The Boulder Faculty Assembly held a regular meeting on Thursday September 5, 2024, in person at CU Law Room 204 with a Zoom option. BFA Chair Shelly Miller presided over the meeting. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. and was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Please see the CUBT news story on the meeting.

#### 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 the great work 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.

Discussion with members included:

- Concealed carry on campus update – Recent regent resolution means will just follow the law as state law is updated.
- Residential vs. non-residential students related to diversity, financial aid, and budget issues. Goal is to become the *destination of choice* university for students.

#### II. Administrator Appraisal Committee Report – Deb Cantrell, AAPC Chair

- AY 23-24 Review - Michele Moses - Vice Provost & AVC of Faculty Affairs

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. Key takeaways from the survey included:

- Faculty desire to build stronger collegiality and community among faculty
- Concern regarding faculty fatigue and burnout
- Increase interaction with BFA faculty and teaching faculty affairs committees

The committee will be reviewing Katherine Eggert this year. Cantrell also noted that the Provost and Vice Provost Moses appreciated the AAPC competency model and feel it results in actionable



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items. Additional thanks to the Office of Data Analytics, the BFA Executive Committee and all respondents. The AAPC has also been advising both the UCD and UCCS faculty councils regarding the process. Miller also noted that the

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

- Shelly Miller, BFA Chair
- Katherine Eggert, Sr. Vice Provost Academic Planning & Assessment

The BFA is working with Katherine Eggert's office to form a working group by the end of October to review the campus Faculty Course Questionnaire (FCQ). Representatives are asked to share this with colleagues. Faculty interested in being part of this effort should contact Shelly at [bfa@colorado.edu](mailto:bfa@colorado.edu)

IV. AY24-25 BFA Priorities & Actions - Shelly Miller, BFA Chair

Miller thanked members for answering the survey regarding goals and priorities. The Executive Committee will be reviewing the responses, which will help form a three-year plan for BFA action items that will be announced at October Assembly.

V. BFA Committee Updates

- Budget & Planning Committee (BPC) Reimagined
  - Miller announced the formation of the ad hoc committee that will begin meeting in October to review needs and issues in forming a revised committee.
- [Campus Operations & Resources Committee \(CORC\)](#)
  - Chair Peter Hamlington reviewed the business items for the year of this newly formed committee. One A&S seat vacancy remains for interested faculty members.
- BFA & CTL AI Working Group
  - The group will focus on AI in teaching and learning and best ways to support faculty. It will be open to all campus faculty and is expected begin meeting in October. Other related AI groups to join are:
    - [CU Boulder AI Community of Practice \(AI CoP\)](#)
    - [CTL Teaching & Learning in the age of AI](#)

VI. BFA Elections – Vicki Grove, BFA Secretary

Fall elections were completed on September 20 and results are posted on the webpage. Newly elected committee members will serve a three-year term ending in spring of 2027. Congratulations to winners and thank you to representatives for participating in this year's elections.

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.
- As CU Faculty Council Chair, Norcross spoke at the September 12-13 Board of Regents meeting noting the numerous complaints and concerns he received from faculty regarding the proposed amendment to [Regent Policy 1D Freedom of Expression](#). The Board moved to table the proposed amendment, partially due to the faculty outcry. Please see Jenny Brundin's (Colorado Public Radio) related story:
  - [University of Colorado faculty and students say proposed disclaimer restricts free speech](#)



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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 [AY4-25 BFA General Assembly Google Folder](#) under the corresponding semester and meeting date.

- September 5, 2024 General Assembly Agenda
- AY24\_25 BPC Pause & Committee Reimagining Process document

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