



Boulder Faculty Assembly

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BFA General Assembly

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 3, 2024

The Boulder Faculty Assembly held a regular meeting on Thursday October 3, 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 – Justin Schwartz, Chancellor

The BFA welcomed incoming Chancellor Schwartz to his inaugural assembly meeting. He reviewed various items of priority for his first year on campus including sustainability and DEI, in particular around student success and faculty search processes. Chancellor Schwartz also asked members to nominate themselves or colleagues to be part of the upcoming [Provost search process](#).

Discussion with members included:

- Expansion of Disability Services and Testing center support hours if possible
- The possibility of Big 12 athletics conference becoming more engaged in academics similar to the [Big 10 Academic Alliance](#) and the former PAC12 Academic Alliance.
- Support for Arts & Humanities in light of upcoming search for A&S Dean.

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

Miller thanked members for answering the survey regarding goals and priorities. The BFA Executive Committee reviewed responses and finalized a three-year plan for BFA action items. The top results and related action items are as follows:

- **Faculty pay equity** –
 - Lobby for across the board pay increases to address both lack of inflation rate increases, and DEI pay equity issues.
 - Ensure the [Faculty Salary Procedures Working group \(FSPWG\)](#) recommendations are implemented.
 - Greater support for affordable housing
 - Recommend salary based on workload and experience
- **Generative AI** – [BFA/CTL AI Working Group](#) meets every other Friday at noon. In November the group will focus on how to include AI in syllabus statements along with honor code issues. *All faculty are invited to drop in and attend meetings as they are able.*
- **Climate Crisis** – the BFA campus operations & resources committee (CORC) along with the climate science & education committee (CSEC) are both working in a variety of areas related to goals:
 - Make CAP happen
 - Climate friendly HVAC building settings
 - Additional greenhouse emission and sustainable campus goals



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- **Campus Budget** – the BFA Budget & Planning (BPC) Reimagined ad hoc committee is working to make this committee more effective. Additional goals noted by representatives were:
 - Fix the budget model
 - Ensure fairness in college/school funding
 - Increase budget transparency at all levels
- **Current BFA Actions underway include:**
 - Lecturer non-compliance issue – Miller, along with the Teaching Faculty & Faculty Affairs committee chairs, are reviewing Academic Affairs proposals and providing feedback.
 - New Diversity summit organized by and for campus shared governance groups and campus DEI office.
 - BFA participation in campus searches include:
 - VC Strategic Initiatives
 - VC Sustainability
 - Provost
 - Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR)

III. Fall 2024 Campus IT AI Briefing – Marin Stanek, CIO

Update on campus actions on a global scale related to artificial intelligence. The campus AI steering committee, coordinated by Conor Canaday and OIT, is focusing on three domains: teaching/learning; research; and operations with a goal of ensuring that students, faculty, and staff can leverage the power of AI while ensuring responsible use and data stewardship. Stanek noted that this is an emergent field and it's important to have a flexible framework and not be locked in. AI companies want to mine university data. Representatives are asked to ensure constituents review and take part in all of the following resources:

- [Artificial Intelligence at CU Boulder](#)
- [CU Boulder AI Community of Practice \(AI CoP\)](#)
- [CTL Teaching & Learning in the age of AI](#)
- [CTL AI Community of Practice](#)
- [BFA/CTL AI Faculty Working Group](#)

IV. Final Reminders:

- Indigenous People's Day 2024 – 10/16/24 11-1pm UMC
- Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) – job posting will be up in November and representatives are asked to share broadly with colleagues
- BFA IAC Campus Athletics Series – 10.17.24 Joe Jupille
- Reminder to submit your vote on the Faculty Council Constitution



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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 meeting date.

- October 3, 2024 General Assembly Agenda Final.2
- BFA Priorities & Actions Slides
- Indigenous People's Day event
- BFA IAC Athletics Conversation Series #1 - Jupille

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