

Boulder Faculty Assembly

General Assembly Meeting chair's Summary

Thursday Nov 7, 2024

- **State of Open Access – Dean Robert McDonald**
 - increasing trend towards open access (OA) on campus, with an estimated 75% of CU Boulder’s 2023 articles being openly available.
 - new [open access website](#) for OA information and a new bank account code that will help track open access article processing fees.
- **Institutional Equity and Compliance update – Associate Vice-Chancellor Llen Pomeroy**
 - OIEC looks into every case that comes to them through a preliminary inquiry
 - Cases that don’t get pursued are either because they do not meet the objective standard under the law or the university’s nondiscrimination policy, or because the person affected doesn’t want to pursue action through a formal investigative process.
 - “I just want to make clear that complainant agency is really fundamental to what we do...” – Llen Pomeroy
 - OIEC is currently conducting the [Sexual Assault and Related Harms survey](#) and encouraged faculty to remind their students to fill it out. It should take only 10 to 15 minutes and will close on Dec. 1
- **Academic Technology Survey Results – OIT Program Manager Rebecca Kallemeyn**
 - a survey among students and instructors to see how academic technology (Canvas, iClickers, Zoom, etc.) is being used on campus.
 - A main area of concern was Canvas. For faculty, feedback revolved around designing their courses, and for students, it was an inconsistent experience class-to-class.
 - OIT is working with the Center for Teaching & Learning to create a template that faculty can use when creating their classes
- **Reduced Credit Hour Bachelor’s degree letter**
 - Chair Miller asked BFA to endorse a letter from colleges and universities across Colorado regarding concerns about the Colorado Commission on Higher Education’s proposal to allow Colorado institutions of higher education to offer a 90-credit bachelor’s degree (law currently requires 120 credits now). The letter recommends that if the state is going to allow such degrees, they should be called something other than a bachelor’s degree.
- **Faculty Athletic Representative**
 - BFA is asking for nominees for the Faculty Athletics Representative. More information about the position is available at [the Academic Affairs website](#).