Proposal for Faculty Working Group – IT Security Standards

The BFA Chair will appoint a Faculty Working Group (FWG) that includes faculty members from among those persons with subject matter experience and expertise in addressing the topic under discussion. Team members will be entitled to serve no later than May 1, 2026, with the outcome of providing recommendations to the BFA Chair.

The FWG is designed to be one feedback mechanism for faculty voices. Additional faculty members serve on seven committees for the CU Boulder IT Governance, including the BFA Chair participating in the IT Executive Governance Board. Additionally, academic and administrative IT professionals are part of the CU Boulder IT Community of Practice with dedicated time, resources, and information shared.

The information below is a suggestion for constituting the Working Group (FWG) to address a current issue of concern, Campus IT security standards. It is important to get faculty input and perspective recognizing that these are recommendations only. They do not guarantee or imply a decision.

- The Boulder Faculty Assembly will have one seat on the FWG.
- Additional Faculty will be invited to join the working group from across campus who are subject matter experts representing the campus holistically.
- A staff member may be nominated to the FWG.
- A chair (or co-chairs) will be selected from the FWG by the BFA Chair.
- Subject matter experts may be invited as guests to the FWG.
- A majority of FWG members in attendance, either in person or remotely, will constitute a quorum. Once a quorum has been satisfied, the team may make decisions with a majority of members present on any recommendations.
- Recommendations of the working group will be open and accessible to all campus community members in a timely manner. Sensitive and personnel matters shall be kept confidential by the committee.
- Topics related to IT security standards to be discussed should include prioritized areas of concern as it relates to the teaching or research mission of the campus, as well as auxiliary applications. Consideration should be given to create principles that balance the needs of faculty with the overall campus responsibility of safeguarding IT assets and university data.

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- On or before May 1, 2026, the FWG will submit to the BFA chair a report summarizing their discussions and deliberations.
- Given the breadth and scope of the campus, representatives on the FWG should be faculty in various colleges, schools, and programs.
- If recommendations are made in the report, the BFA Chair, who is a standing member and sits on Executive IT Governance, will make written recommendations to the Executive IT Governance Board. If further action is needed, the recommendation will go to the Chancellor's Executive Leadership Committee as a final decision-making body.

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