

BFA Academic Affairs Committee

Annual Report for AY 2024/25

April 18, 2025

This is the second year of my three-year term as chair for the BFA AAC. We met seven times as a full committee this year. Our primary agenda items were as follows:

- In continuing business from last spring, we continued working with Noah Geisel and Kristi Wold-McCormick on a policy for **micro-credentials and digital badges**. A BFA resolution in support of this policy was introduced at the December BFA meeting. We received some additional feedback from faculty and discussed it in committee; the resolution was eventually passed at the February BFA meeting.
- We updated our **committee charge**, following substantial discussion of our goals and priorities for our committee. This charge was introduced at the November BFA meeting and approved at the December meeting.
- In support of the BFA executive committee and Faculty Affairs committee, we provided additional feedback to Katherine Eggert and Shelly Miller on the in-progress proposal for **reform of the Lecturer title and position**.
- We considered and provided feedback on an early draft of a potential new policy governing **syllabus statements**. Katherine will likely continue to work on this, and we may see a revised version at some point next AY.
- Our committee discussed several aspects of challenges stemming from the **federal transition**, which has in turn informed my own feedback to Shelly and others as a member of BFA's executive committee.

In accordance with the goals and priorities identified, we also provided occasional feedback to and received updates (either directly or indirectly) from campus groups working on several other issues, notably including campuswide AI guidance. The new policy on credit for prior learning, on which our committee worked extensively last AY, was finally approved in its final version by the provost's office this spring.

Regularly participating members this AY included Emily Harrington, Shivakant Mishra (in fall), Nabilah Carlon (in fall), Jennifer Bone, Novella Keeling, Nathalie Vriend, Michael Ferguson, and resource member Catherine Kunc. Thanks to everyone on the committee for their time this year. Additional thanks to Katherine Eggert, Erika Swain, and Kristi Wold-McCormick, who all contributed lots of their own time to our committee. Finally, thanks, of course, to Shelly and Lynne!

Garrett Zantow Bredeson, BFA AAC Chair

Appendix: Committee Meeting Dates & Agenda Items

9/13/24: goals and priorities

9/26/24: goals and priorities / committee charge update

10/25/24: reform to lecturer position

12/6/24: AI developments and campus guidance / reform to lecturer position

1/24/25: micro-credentials / syllabus statement policy

2/27/25: federal transition

4/17/25: federal transition