



Boulder Faculty Assembly

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

General Assembly Meeting Summary
Thursday, November 6th, 2025

- **Approval of 10.02.25 Meeting Minutes**
 - Minutes approved with an affirmative vote of 31.
- **Presentation: Provost Ann Huff Stevens**
 - Provost Stevens spoke to the assembly covering key points around academic freedom, cybersecurity, and faculty compensation. She emphasized the health of faculty governance at CUB, and emphasized the importance of academic freedom, affirming it as a priority by institutional leaders. She discussed the challenge between finding a balance between maintaining academic freedom, and cyber security needs, discussed the work being done on faculty compensation, and answered questions by those in the audience.
- **Presentation: BFA IT Security Working Group**
 - The IT Security Working Group discussed their final report with key concerns around Endpoint Detection Software, the outsourcing of Linux servers, the security exception processes, and data sharing with CISA as part of the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative. Recommendations included restorative dialogue, updating OIT threat models, establishing clearer data use and disclosure policies, among others. The final report can be found [here](#), and the OIT response to the interim report can be found [here](#).

- **Response by Marin Stanek, Vice Chancellor for IT**
 - Following the IT Working Group's Presentation, Vice Chancellor for IT Marin Stanek responded to the committee and broader faculty noting her care for the concerns raised by the committee, and affirmed what Provost Stevens had also discussed, that there was a way to uphold academic freedom while securing the IT environment. She clarified that one-sized-does not fit all for security concerns, affirmed that OIT is listening to faculty concerns, and apologized for faculty not feeling that their voices were heard in the process, welcoming the conversation around closing the gaps.
- **Notice of Motion: "Amendment to Bylaws and Standing Rules, Article VI, Section"**
 - Parliamentarian Bobby Benim presented a notice of motion on proposed changes to the Bylaws & Standing Rules which would alter the language around meeting times to match the new academic calendar. Additional proposal clarifies process around special meetings, which noted members of assembly can call for a special meeting, but not how voting or scheduling would happen afterwards. Voting will take place at December assembly meeting.

- Notice of Motion: “Resolution to Reject Loyalty Oaths”
 - Faculty Senate/Faculty Council Updates
 - BFA Chair Norcross reversed order of items, sharing the Faculty Senate & Faculty Council update first to provide context to the notice of motion. At the combined Faculty Senate/Faculty Council meeting on October 23rd, two notices of motion were presented “*Resolution to Establish a Mutual Defense Compact for Colorado Institutions of Higher Education to Defend Academic Freedom, Institutional Integrity, and the Research Enterprise¹*” which mirrors the same resolution passed by the BFA in October. The second notice of motion was “*Resolution to Reject Loyalty Oaths*” which calls upon the system to reject the federal “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education”. A BFA specific version of the *Resolution to Reject Loyalty Oaths*” was presented and will be voted on during the December assembly meeting
- New Business: “Resolution Against Surveillance in the Name of Security”
 - Presented by Markus Pflaum, on behalf of the BFA IT Security Working Group the resolution asks for Chancellor Justin Schwartz to give full considerations to the recommendations laid out in the report by the working group. The resolution was motioned by Pflaum and seconded by David Paradis in person and Deb Palmer online at the same time. The resolution will be voted on at the December assembly meeting.

- **Upcoming BFA & Faculty Events – Save the Date!**
 - IAC Campus Athletics Conversation Series (CACCS) third event is on November 18th 2025, from 3:30-4:30 PM in CASE E-390 (Center for Teaching and Learning) "Transitioning from College to Professional Athletics" you can [RSVP here](#). Zoom attendance also available at <https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/99817402201> (CU Boulder login required)