



BFA Assembly Notice of Motion

Resolution Against Surveillance in the Name of Security

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Whereas, the mission of the University of Colorado cannot be faithfully executed without robust protection of academic freedom pursuant to Regent Law 5.B;

Whereas, security practices must be chosen to protect academic freedom;

Whereas, such security practices have been chosen by domestic and international peer universities;

Whereas, the Boulder Faculty Assembly Working Group on IT Security Standards found that the Secure Computing Standards for Computers (SCSC) poses grave threats to academic freedom, including impact on pedagogy, curriculum, research, and other matters that faculty have principal responsibility for under Regent Law 5.A.1;

Be it resolved that, the University of Colorado Boulder Faculty Assembly calls on Chancellor Schwartz to give full consideration to the recommendations of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Working Group on IT Security Standards Report¹.

Presented to BFA Assembly November 6, 2025

Approved by BFA Assembly as a Notice of Motion: November 6, 2025

Modified via amendment in Assembly with affirmative vote of 31, and a negative vote of 8: December 4, 2025

Assembly voting specifics and date: Approved by BFA Representatives via Ballot on December 4th, 2025 with 49 votes in favor, 2 negative votes and 2 abstentions.

¹ <https://www.colorado.edu/bfa/media/1668>