



Boulder Faculty Assembly

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

General Assembly Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 5th, 2026

- **Approval of 2.05.26 Meeting Minutes**

- Meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.

- **Presentation: Chancellor Justin Schwartz**

- Chancellor Schwartz presented to the BFA on a wide range of topics, covering academic freedom and university values, the Open AI partnership, sustainability, the shared values project, a call to faculty join commencement and previewed the discussion of the Faculty Salary Task Force and the Common Curriculum both of which were also presented at the meeting. The bulk of Schwartz's speech focused on the OpenAI/ChatGPT edu partnership emphasizing the obligation CU has to preparing their students for the future, and the equity issues facing students who can afford the paid version of AI products, versus those who cannot, and citing statistics on the number of CU community members broadly who use ChatGPT with their Colorado.edu email addresses. He noted the sustainability concerns associated with the partnership, and the security and academic concerns but repeatedly emphasized faculty control over the curriculum and that AI use is not mandatory, expect in the case of a faculty requiring the use in their own courses. He discussed CU Boulder's selection as the operational host for the Carnegie Elective Classification for Sustainability, highlighted the elimination of single use plastics on campus, and the plans to replace all the remaining diesel buses with electric ones.

- **Presentation: Chancellor Justin Schwartz cont.**
 - Schwartz also discussed the Big Ideas program, asking for faculty to submit their Big Ideas, and the work on the shared values project and the university's 150th anniversary.
- **Presentation: Chancellor's Faculty Salary Task Force Final Report– Shelly Miller, BFA Immediate Past Chair & Ann Schmiesing, Senior VC for Strategic Initiatives**
 - Shelly Miller and Ann Schmiesing discussed the final report produced by the Chancellor's Faculty Salary Task Force, finalized in November, with Norcross noting that Provost Ann Stevens would be coming to the April 2nd meeting to formally respond to the report. Miller and Schmiesing emphasized that everyone should read the report and summarizing some of the findings and recommendations. The report discussed that CU Boulder's annual compensation pool is not in line with peer institutions, with the largest gap at the full professor level, although it's also felt at the associate level and that approaches to salary issues are highly fragmented. Among many recommendations, one suggests a faculty-specific compensation strategy and a plan to raise all effected faculty salaries.

- **Presentation: Common Curriculum Update – Katherine Eggert, VC and Senior Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Assessment, and Erika Randall, Interim Dean and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education**
 - Eggert presented on the implementation plan for CU Boulder’s Common Curriculum set to launch in the fall of 2027. She discussed the 21 learning outcomes centered around the theme of Sustainable Futures, and how the CC working group determined how the learning outcomes will be distributed, either assigned to college/school general education requirements, to majors, or to the new required course for incoming students walking through which learning outcome would be assigned to each level. Eggert emphasized multiple times that the Common Curriculum is not a set of core required classes, but common learning outcomes that students will achieve throughout their time at CU regardless of school/college or major.

- **Common Curriculum cont.**

- Eggert walked through the timeline of the rollout, discussing how a policy is being developed for a standing Campus Curriculum Committee, and that two new colleagues have be hired to work in the Office of Undergraduate Education. She also noted that Academic Affairs would be meeting with college/school assistant & associate deans to establish alignment of college/school requirements with the Common Curriculum learning outcomes as well as further next steps for this upcoming summer and fall.
- **Notice of Motion Calling for a BFA Collective Bargaining Task Force & Notice of Motion in Support of Collective Bargaining – David Paradis, BFA Chair Elect**
 - Paradis introduced two separate motions, both on the topic of collective bargaining. One motion calls for the creation of a collective bargaining task force which would explore how collective bargaining could be implemented on CUB's campus to work with and alongside faculty governance, while the second motion calls for the Regents to extend collective bargaining rights to faculty, staff and student workers.

- **Notice of Motion for Seats for CMDI – Bobby Benim, BFA Parliamentarian**

- Benim introduced a motion which would introduce representatives to all the departments in CMDI. CMCI, as it was known before traditionally had two representatives, before their merger with ENVD, making the college CMDI. Such a motion gives representation to all six departments, with the motion to be voted on at the BFA's first April meeting.

- **New Business**

- **Resolution to Postpone Deployment of ChatGPT Edu – Deb Palmer, BFA Member**

- BFA Member Deb Palmer introduced the resolution as part of new business from the floor, reading the resolution to present members. The resolution calls on the Chancellor to postponement the deployment of ChatGPT edu until after the Maymester, owing to the pedagogical implications of deploying the software, and that there is not yet a policy in place to guide students, staff, and faculty on ethical AI. The motion was raised by Palmer and seconded by BFA member Ravinder Singh. The motion will be voted on at the BFA's first April meeting.