

# Academic Affairs Committee Boulder Faculty Assembly

Report of Activities AY 2017-2018

June 1, 2018

Kathryn Pieplow, Chair

The Academic Affairs Committee met occasionally in person when we needed to speak to CU officials or concerned persons on various topics of interest. Other work such as reviewing and commenting on pending revisions to the Laws of the Regents was performed primarily via email throughout the year. For Academic Year 2017-2018, we addressed the following issues.

1. **Communication with Mary Kraus**, vice provost and associate vice chancellor for undergraduate education is on-going. We schedule meetings with Mary at least once each semester so that she can update us on her work and we can communicate any concerns we might have as faculty.
  - a. November 9, 2017. Six members of the committee met with Mary Krause and talked about Foundations of Excellence, the First Year seminars, the University Exploration and Advising Center and Canvas, the new learning management system.
  - b. January 25, 2018. Three members of the committee met with Mary Kraus to discuss the three pilot projects relating to freshmen for fall 2017: Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs), freshmen seminars, and increased
2. **Laws of the Regents.**
  - a. **Article 5: Academic Freedom.** I meet with Michael Lightner, CU Vice President for Academic Affairs; Rolf Norgaard, chair of the Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee; and Alistair Norcross, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, several times to discuss Article 5. The AAC also discussed and commented on the various drafts of the academic freedom portion of Article 5 via email.
  - b. **Article 7: Academic Freedom.** The AAC reviewed Article 7 via email.
  - c. **Freedom of Expression.** Late spring semester, a draft of new language concerning Freedom of Expression for the Laws of the Regents was posted. The AAC committee received that language but did not hold any discussion of it due to the timing.
3. **HB17-1004 “College Credit for Military Education and Training.”** Virginia Anderson and I were the only members of the AA committee available to meet with Kristi Wold-McCormick, Registrar CU-Boulder; Kim Diawara, Sr. Assistant Director/Transfer Credit Manager, Office of Admissions; Rex Laceby, CU Career Services, Vice President of the Colorado Advisory Council on Military Education (CO-ACME); and Patrick Tally, College of Arts and Sciences, Assistant Dean for Academic and Curricular Affairs regarding HB17-1004 which mandates establishing a procedure for awarding college credit for college-level military training. I reported to the BFA ExCom on that meeting and CU’s plan to work through CCHE to create a standardized way to apply military credits. That plan was released late spring semester 2018.

4. **Online Interdisciplinary degree.** The AAC reviewed responses to the Regent's proposal for online interdisciplinary degrees via email. I worked with Roseanna Neupauer during this time on a position statement from the BFA.
5. **Concurrent Bachelor's/Master's degree programs.** I was the only member of the AAC who could meet with Ann Schmiesing, Dean of the Graduate School & Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs, and Ginny McNellis, Graduate School Assistant Dean, about changes to the BA/Mas program whereby students would receive the bachelor's along the way instead of at the end together with the master's. This was merely an informational meeting as there seems to be no opposition to the change in timing of awarding the degree.

**Committee Roster:**

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Fernando Rosario, CEAE  
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