



# Boulder Faculty Assembly

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**To:** BFA General Assembly Meeting Attendees

**RE:** October 5, 2023 General Assembly Meeting Summary, documents, and links

Thank you for your participation and attendance at last week's General Assembly meeting. Please see below for a summary of agenda items, as well as related links. Meeting documents can be found in the shared AY23-24 General Assembly Google folder. \* The final draft of meeting minutes will be e-mailed by **October 31, 2023**, for approval.

**Please share all items widely with your constituents** and encourage colleagues to view the story on the meeting in [CU Boulder Today](#).

Best Regards,

Boulder Faculty Assembly

I. Address to Faculty – Phil DiStefano, Chancellor

Chancellor DiStefano spoke with representatives regarding a number of items including:

- His upcoming retirement, future plans at CU working with the Leadership Institute, as well as the national search process for the next Chancellor. Expecting 3-4 candidates coming to campus by spring 2024.
- Updates on numbers for enrollment, as well as retention and graduation rates.
- CU Boulder's first comprehensive self-managed fund-raising campaign.

II. Digital Accessibility Office Update –

- Konstantin Tovstiadi, Director & Digital Accessibility Officer, Office of Integrity, Safety and Compliance
- Mike Williamson, Assistant Director Digital Accessibility Office
- Rachel Levin, Digital Accessibility Services Manager
- Elizabeth Romero-Fuerte, AVP/AVC Academic Technologies & Student Success

The group reviewed the focus of their office which is to make CU Boulder's IT services and digital life usable by everyone at CU, regardless of ability. Slides are in the shared folder.

- Please share these links with your constituents:
  - [Asynchronous/self-guided resources](#)
  - [Assessment and usability testing](#)
  - [Training and outreach](#)

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- [Video accessibility, including captioning](#)

## III. [BFA-R-1-083023 Campus Libraries Licensing Priorities Resolution](#)

- Melissa Cantrell, Scholarly Communications Librarian
- Jamie Wittenberg, Asst. Dean Research & Innovative Strategies
- Gabrielle Wiersma, Director Collection Management

Members voted on this resolution introduced at the September Assembly meeting by Campus Libraries and the BFA Executive Committee. The resolution, designed to help negotiate agreements related to campus licensing priorities, was approved by representatives with 46 votes in favor; 0 opposed; and 1 abstention.

## IV. [Academic Calendar Reform Proposal](#) –

- Katherine Eggert, Sr. Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Assessment
- Kristi Wold-McCormick, Campus Registrar
- Erika Swain, Asst. Director Compliance, ODA

Multiple groups across campus approached Academic Affairs regarding issues with the current academic calendar. Based on these items, they've created a proposal designed to address these issues. **Representatives are asked to do the following:**

- Share the [presentation slides](#) and [calendar example page](#) with your colleagues.
- Please note there is also a QR code on the last page of the presentation that anyone can use to share feedback in a survey.
- Questions should be sent to: [bfa@colorado.edu](mailto:bfa@colorado.edu)

## V. [BFA Grievance Advisory Committee](#) – Jennifer Hendricks, GAC Chair

The GAC was reformed in 2022 with the goal of recruiting, training, and supervising a roster of BFA advisors available to assist faculty in the grievance process. Hendricks encouraged faculty to check-in early during grievance process.

- Representatives are asked to share information about the GAC with their constituents.

## **Additional Reminders – please share widely:**

- Wed. Oct. 11 9-10am in C4C - CU discovery focus group sessions. University of Colorado system is working with SimpsonScarborough to understand current perceptions of various campuses and system branding.
- CU Boulder Days of Compassion – [Join Campus Celebrations including Mindfulness Outdoors – Wed. Oct. 11 Norlin Quad – 11-12pm](#)

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- [Renee Crown Wellness Institute Open House](#) – Wed. Oct. 11 11-12pm
- [Buffs One Read 2023-24: Book of Joy](#) by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu w/Douglas Abrahams
- [Faculty Wellness Panel](#) – Thurs. Oct. 19 11:15-12:15 in CTL E390 in CASE

**NOTE:** In order to access the [Google 2023-24 BFA General Assembly shared folder](#), you must be logged into your CU Gmail ([CUidentikey@colorado.edu](mailto:CUidentikey@colorado.edu)). If you get an error message you are logged into your personal Google account and will need to switch accounts.

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