

Comparison and Comments on the proposed revision to the BFA Bylaws

Current Bylaws, as approved on 2016-04-07: <a href="http://www.colorado.edu/bfa/bylaws-boulder-faculty-Assembly">http://www.colorado.edu/bfa/bylaws-boulder-faculty-Assembly</a>	Proposed Bylaws, version 2017-03-02	Comments
<p>Article I. Membership</p> <p>Section 1. The Boulder Faculty Assembly shall consist of 62 elected voting members, chosen from among the members of the Faculty Senate who are rostered on the Boulder Campus, or as allowed by the Standing Rules. Representation shall be substantially proportional to the distribution of faculty in schools, colleges, and libraries and shall be determined as provided by the Standing Rules of the Boulder Faculty Assembly. Terms of office commence July 1st following the annual spring election.</p> <p>Section 2. The Chair of the Assembly shall, upon election to the position, vacate his or her representative seat on the Assembly and shall be considered an elected member of the Assembly-at-Large. The Chair shall remain eligible for re-election to a second term. The Chair’s representative seat shall be filled according to the procedures described in Article II, Section 6.</p>	<p>Article I. Membership</p> <p>The term “Assembly” shall refer to the CU Boulder Faculty Assembly. The term “Traditional Units” shall refer to traditional tenure-bearing academic units formally recognized by the Assembly. The term “Other Units” shall refer to other academic constituencies formally recognized by the Assembly.</p> <p>Section 1. Members of the Assembly must be members of the Faculty Senate. The Assembly shall consist primarily of members put forward by individual Traditional Units and Other Units. The Assembly shall also include <b>fourteen</b> at-large representatives as described in the Standing Rules, and <b>two</b> retired faculty representatives. Assembly members are responsible for communicating BFA business and issues to their constituents, and with bringing matters of interest from their constituents to the BFA.</p> <p>Section 2. BFA officers and Executive Committee members at-large shall be elected from the membership of the Assembly at the last meeting of the Spring semester. Terms of office commence July 1<sup>st</sup> and run for one calendar year.</p> <p>Section 3. Each year the working membership of the Assembly will be determined between the first and second meetings of the Fall semester.</p> <p>Section 4. The Chair of the Assembly shall, upon election to the position, vacate his or her representative seat on the Assembly and shall be considered an elected member of the Assembly-at-Large. The Chair shall remain eligible for re-election to a second term. The Chair’s representative seat shall be filled according to the procedures described in Article II, Section 6.</p>	<p>Article I. Membership</p> <p><b>ALERT - This is new!</b> Defining the terminology used in the Bylaws and Standing Rules.</p> <p><b>ALERT - This is a new concept!</b> New Section 1 now allows more direct access to BFA participation for smaller units, and committed individuals. At large seats would add two open-category representatives. In addition, two additional instructor seats, and one retired faculty seat would be created. At the highest level, the role of a BFA representative is defined. This might create ten to fifteen additional BFA seats.</p> <p>This is a relocation from old Bylaws Article II Elections, Section 5.</p> <p><b>ALERT - This is a new concept!</b> New Section 3 allows for variable membership numbers, thus creating more realistic quorum requirements.</p>

<p>Section 3. The most recent Past Chair of the Assembly shall be a member of the Assembly, ex officio with vote.</p> <p>Section 4. The chairs of the standing committees of the Assembly shall be considered members of the Assembly, ex officio with vote.</p> <p>Section 5. All members have rights and obligations that include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) be notified of meetings;</li> <li>b) attend meetings;</li> <li>c) vote on and to propose motions and amendments to motions;</li> <li>d) speak on and to debate matters;</li> <li>e) run for office;</li> <li>f) resign from office;</li> <li>g) nominate and to elect officers;</li> <li>h) insist on the enforcement of the Bylaws, Standing Rules and parliamentary procedure;</li> <li>i) have access to the Bylaws, Standing Rules, minutes and other official records; and</li> <li>j) vote on and to propose amendments to the Bylaws, Standing Rules, minutes and other official records.</li> </ul>	<p>Section 5. The most recent Past Chair of the Assembly shall be a member of the Assembly, ex officio with vote.</p> <p>Section 6. The chairs of Assembly standing committees who are not elected or appointed Assembly members shall be considered members of the Assembly, ex officio with vote during their term of office.</p> <p>Section 7. All members have rights and obligations that include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) be notified of meetings;</li> <li>b) attend meetings;</li> <li>c) vote on and to propose motions and amendments to motions;</li> <li>d) speak on and to debate matters;</li> <li>e) run for office;</li> <li>f) resign from office;</li> <li>g) nominate and to elect officers;</li> <li>h) insist on the enforcement of the Bylaws, Standing Rules and parliamentary procedure;</li> <li>i) have access to the Bylaws, Standing Rules, minutes and other official records; and</li> <li>j) vote on and to propose amendments to the Bylaws, Standing Rules, minutes and other official records.</li> </ul>	
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<p>ARTICLE II: Elections</p> <p>Section 1. The elected members shall be apportioned among the schools and colleges, institutes, libraries, museum, and other faculty bodies, as provided for in the Standing Rules. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall review apportionment at least every five years and adjust it to ensure a fair distribution of representation among the members of the Faculty Senate. Proposed changes in apportionment shall be presented in a motion to the Assembly for a simple majority vote.</p> <p>Section 2. Nomination and election procedures shall be governed by the Standing Rules, except as provided by these Bylaws.</p> <p>Section 3. Members of the Assembly must be Faculty Senate members of the academic unit they represent. Members of the Assembly shall be elected or appointed by the Senate members of the academic unit(s) they represent.</p> <p>Section 4. Elections to the Assembly will be conducted during the spring semester each year. The Senate year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Newly elected members of the Assembly are invited to attend any remaining Assembly meetings in the Senate year, without vote.</p> <p>Section 5. Roles and positions within the Boulder Faculty Assembly vary. Members of the BFA will represent a single unit, multiple units, the Campus-at-Large, or retired faculty. Officers and executive committee members at-large are elected from the membership of the BFA.</p> <p>Section 6. If unable to complete their full term, faculty members should immediately notify the BFA Secretary. The Secretary shall address vacancies in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) For a single-unit representative, a request will be made to the administrative head of the academic unit to provide a replacement.</li> </ul>	<p>ARTICLE II: Elections</p> <p>Section 1. The elected members shall be apportioned among the schools and colleges, institutes, libraries, museum, and other faculty bodies, as provided for in the Standing Rules. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall review apportionment at least every five years and adjust it to ensure a fair distribution of representation among the members of the Faculty Senate. Proposed changes in apportionment shall be presented in a motion to the Assembly for a simple majority vote.</p> <p>Section 2. Nomination and election procedures shall be governed by the Standing Rules, except as provided by these Bylaws.</p> <p>Section 3. <b>Most members of the Assembly shall be elected or appointed by the members of the Traditional or Other Unit they represent. Any other representatives are to be determined by a campus-wide election taking place in the spring. All representative terms of office shall correspond with the academic year.</b></p> <p>Section 4. Newly elected members of the Assembly are invited to attend any remaining Assembly meetings in the Senate year, without vote.</p> <p>Section 5. If unable to complete their full term, <b>Assembly</b> members should immediately notify the BFA Secretary. The Secretary shall address vacancies in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>For a Traditional Unit or Other Unit representative, a request will be made to the appropriate head of the unit to provide a replacement.</b></li> </ul>	<p>ARTICLE II: Elections</p> <p>Describes how Assembly members are selected and their terms. This is a distillation of the previous Bylaws.</p> <p>Old Section 5 has been absorbed into alternate Sections in the proposed Bylaws.</p>
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<p>b) For a multi-unit representative, a request will be made to the appropriate dean to provide a replacement.</p> <p>c) In all other vacancies, a special election will be held as defined in the Standing Rules, Article II, Section 11.</p>	<p>b) For all other vacancies, a special election will be held as defined in the Standing Rules, Article II, Section 11.</p>	<p>This reflects the elimination of pooled units.</p>
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