WHEREAS BFA motions BFA-X-M-033009, Class Conflicts, and 
BFA-X-M-030810.2, Class Conflicts and Club Sports address class conflicts specific to Intercollegiate Athletics 
and Club Sports, and

WHEREAS other curricular and extracurricular University-related student events may also create class 
conflicts,

BE IT MOVED that the BFA affirms the following practices regarding conflicts between classes and all 
curricular and extracurricular University-related student events (e.g., intercollegiate varsity sports, club sports, 
band, cheer squad, music/art/dance/theatre performances, ROTC, etc.):

• For any conflict that arises between curricular and extracurricular University-related student events and 
academic expectations, instructors have full authority to decide whether and/or how to accommodate 
those conflicts.

• While an instructor has the right to refuse to allow make-ups or other accommodations, he or she is 
permitted to provide such accommodations.

Therefore, faculty are encouraged to include a statement in their course syllabus that outlines the course 
policy and student responsibilities regarding conflicts with curricular and extracurricular University-
related student events (see sample syllabus language, below).

FURTHER BE IT MOVED that:

• This motion statement be shared with all teaching faculty at CU Boulder by the Office of Undergraduate 
Education before classes start each semester.

• This motion supersedes previous motions specific to Intercollegiate Athletics (BFA-X-M-033009), and 
Club Sports Class Conflicts (BFA-X-M-030810.2).

SAMPLE SYLLABUS LANGUAGE

Students formally affiliated with curricular and extracurricular University-related activities are 
required to communicate in writing with the instructor about potential conflicts within the first week 
of class or as soon as the student learns of a conflicting event. This deadline is established in order to 
provide students with time to change their course schedule if necessary. Instructors are not obligated 
to accommodate any potential conflicts, but may, at their own discretion, allow reasonable 
accommodations for these absences.

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