



Boulder Faculty Assembly

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To: BFA General Assembly Meeting Attendees
RE: December 7, 2023 General Assembly Meeting Summary

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. *Since fall semester ends prior to the end of the month, this summary serves as the December meeting minutes as well.*

Please share all items widely with your constituents and encourage colleagues to view the [December 7, 2023 Assembly meeting story on the BFA website](#) and the [CU Boulder Today Assembly news story](#).

Best Regards,

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I. Address to Faculty – Russell Moore, Provost

Updates from Academic Affairs and the Provost included:

- [Academic Affairs priority projects](#) assigned by Chancellor DiStefano:
 - Reviewing enrollment strategies around the alternative college option (ACO) and Program for Exploratory Studies (PES)
 - Academic support and experiences for students:
 - Improve campus experience priorities and ensure equal access for all first-year students.
 - Create consistent and expanded wrap-around services for students including advising, tutoring, and academic enrichment programs.
- Recently approved [CU System Administrative Policy statements](#) for teaching faculty:
 - [APS 5060 Faculty Appointments](#) – Boulder will use Teaching Professor job code series. Instructor series will no longer be used on Boulder campus. Necessary job code changes must first be added and implemented at a System HR level.
 - [APS 5053 Multi-year Contracts for Instructional, Research, and Clinical \(ICR\) faculty](#) – this allows for Deans to award up to 5-year contracts at the time of reappointment or promotion.
- Improved communication efforts with the Provost now include more frequent meetings with the BFA Executive Committee, as well as campus town halls, and a new communication called [“The Provost’s Post”](#).

Discussion items included:

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- Call for Academic Affairs to take action related to the climate crisis. Moore agreed with CSEC co-chair Carol Cogswell that campus on the importance of this. One academic area to be considered would be faculty development of curriculum on the [Climate Action Plan \(CAPs\)](#) for first-year students.
- Encouraging campus units to consider teaching professor hires as opposed to multiple lecturer hires since those positions do not have career path opportunities.
- High-Impact Practices (HIPS) for student retention should now be considered at college/school level since budget for these now exists in the units.
- Call to speed up improvements to campus classrooms and classroom technologies.

II. Credit for Prior Learning Policy –

- Katherine Eggert, Sr. Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Assessment
- Kristi Wold-McCormick, Asst. Vice Provost & University Registrar
- Garrett Bredeson, BFA Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)

A new campus academic policy has been drafted to meet updated guidance from the state regarding CDHE policy on prior learning assessment. Per the campus policy on policies, the BFA provides feedback on proposals prior to final adoption by Academic Affairs. After review of the draft policy and discussion, the AAC recommends that the proposed policy be endorsed. **Representatives are asked to share the below links widely with their colleagues and to send all questions and feedback to: bfa@colorado.edu.** The resolution will be voted on at the February 1, 2024 Assembly meeting.

- [BFA-R-1-112823 Credit for Prior Learning Resolution](#)
- [Credit for Prior Learning Policy Assembly Slides](#)
- [Credit for Prior Learning Policy – Draft 11.14.23](#)

III. BFA Poll Results on Academic Calendar Reform–

- Shelly Miller, BFA Chair
- Katherine Eggert, Sr. Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Assessment
- Kristi Wold-McCormick, Campus Registrar

Miller announced that the BFA sent the poll data and a summary to the Chancellor earlier that day. There was overall support for most measures in the two proposed options with the exception of a reduction of instructional hours from 73-70, and the addition of a mid-semester reading day. If campus moves forward with the change, Miller recommended that Academic Affairs work closely with units offering lab classes to ensure a smooth transition. The Chancellor is expected to make a decision before the end of fall semester.

- [Fall 2023 Academic Calendar Reform & BFA Summary of Poll Data](#)
- [Fall 2023 Academic Calendar Reform – BFA overview and FAQ](#)

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IV. [BFA-R-2-120423 Commitment to Campus Community, Acad. Freedom, Free Speech w/regard to Palestine and Israel](#)

- Steve Vanderheiden, Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) Chair

The FAC introduced a resolution of support to all campus community members impacted by recent events in Palestine and Israel, as well as affirming the university's dedication to free expression and scholarly inquiry. The BFA resolution endorses a similar item from UCCS faculty. The FAC asked Assembly to suspend the Bylaws in order to vote on the measure that day. Measure was approved with 32 in favor; 6 opposed; and 9 abstentions.

V. [Updates from the BFA Chair](#)

- [Chancellor Search Committee](#) Update – Miller noted that the first meeting was on December 8. The timeline for the group will have a stakeholder survey to full campus community, along with in-person sessions in January. Target application deadline is January 26, and finalist visits are scheduled the week of March 18.
- [Campus Sustainability Executive Council – this new council that Miller serves on will be accountable for campus sustainability actions, progress and needs related to the rollout of the updated CU Boulder Climate Action Plan \(CAP\). Additionally, another new group on communications and engagement has three faculty members nominated by the BFA including: Shideh Dashti, CVEN, Rebecca Dickson, PWR; and Irina Overeem, GEOS.](#)
 - [Slides on structure and roles](#)
 - [Campus announcement on the Council.](#)

VI. [BFA-R-1-100923 Resolution in Support of Urgent Climate Change Action](#)

- Carol Cogswell, BFA CSEC Co-Chair
- David Paradis, BFA CSEC Co-Chair

The first in a series of resolutions on CU efforts around the climate crisis the measure passed with 43 in favor; 2 opposed; 2 abstentions.

VII. [BFA Bylaws Committee Motions](#) - Alastair Norcross, BFA Vice Chair/CUFC Chair

- [BFA-M-2-100923 Bylaws ExCom Assembly Membership](#)
- [BFA-M-3-13023 Committee Chair Selection Standing Rules](#)

Both measures passed with 41 in favor; 0 opposed; and 6 abstentions.

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