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To: Tiffany Beechy, Chair of the Boulder Faculty Assembly
Katherine Eggert, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Assessment
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From: Russell L. Moore, Provost
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Dear BFA Chair Beechy, Senior Vice Provost Eggert, and Vice Provost Maeda,

Thank you for transmitting to me the final campus voting results regarding the proposed Common Curriculum. I enthusiastically accept the overall recommendation of the Boulder Faculty Assembly, of the schools, colleges, and program offering undergraduate degrees, and of the Libraries to adopt the Common Curriculum.

I want to commend each of you for your leadership in this process. Through your efforts, all members of our campus community were afforded the opportunity to have their voices heard and to contribute to the shaping of an inspiring plan for a CU Boulder common curriculum. I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of the Boulder Faculty Assembly. The BFA's focus and insights have been instrumental in galvanizing a true pan-campus effort that will be of great benefit to our students and our institution. In my opinion, this effort epitomizes the true spirit and value of faculty shared governance in shaping our collective future.

Now that we have broad consensus on the adoption of the CU Boulder Common Curriculum, we need to take the next step to implement it on our campus. One of the remarkable aspects of the Common Curriculum as proposed is the flexibility provided to schools and colleges with respect to how they can embrace it. On the other hand, that flexibility also runs the risk of providing programs with the potential to stray from the goals and intent of the Common Curriculum. Therefore, I believe that it is essential that the campus be provided with clear implementation guidance so that the common curriculum can be boldly and firmly established on the Boulder campus.

I believe that the three of you, in concert with the BFA, are the best equipped to oversee the development of such campus-wide implementation guidance. Consequently, it is my intent to authorize and empower you to lead the Common Curriculum implementation process. Specifically, I am asking that you attend to the following:

- Establish clear implementation principles with the goal of ensuring that the campus is being true to the spirit and intent of the Common Curriculum;
- Collaborate with the deans of the schools and colleges to develop these implementation principles, recognizing that it is you who will be empowered to make the final pan-campus implementation recommendations to me; and
- Develop a clear and simple plan that will allow our academic programs to periodically report on their successes, or lack thereof, in contributing to the goals and objectives of the common curriculum. I will leave the determination of the appropriate periodicity of this reporting up to you, with the expectation that this will be done in collaboration with campus constituents.

I look forward to discussing this approach with all of you in the very near future.

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