To: BFA General Assembly Meeting Attendees

RE: April 28, 2022 - May 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 and documents. All items can also be found in the shared AY21-22 General Assembly Google folder. * This meeting summary serves as the meeting minutes for the final meeting of the year. If you have any corrections or questions, please send them before Friday, May 13, 2022. After that the minutes will be deemed final. You can also review the CU Boulder Today story on the Assembly meeting.

Best Regards,

Lynne Howard
Boulder Faculty Assembly

I. Faculty 50 Years of Service – Russell Moore, Provost
   - Peter Elliott, Mathematics
   - George Rivera, Art & Art History

Provoet Moore and Assembly members recognized these faculty members regarding their service and accomplishments at CU. Earlier in the spring the Office of Faculty Affairs sent each one gifts commemorating the milestone.

II. Address to Assembly – Russell Moore, Provost

Moore spoke to members regarding events of the past academic year, as well as current campus topics including updates on the recently formed Faculty Salary Procedures Working Group, upcoming administration search efforts including campus deans, the CFO, VC Student Affairs, and VC for Research (RIO and institutes), as well as updates on campus DEI efforts and the IDEA council. Moore also noted that in fall 2023 he would ask the BFA to review/revise the current approval process for campus centers (such as CNAIS and CAAS) which include both research and community outreach and support missions. Discussion included questions on:
   - Recent free speech and academic freedom letter by Acting Dean White
   - Future of hybrid and online course offerings going forward. Fall 2022 courses are currently listed at 93% in person, 7% digital/online. Moore noted that there will not be a formulaic decree but will be based on both student demand, and faculty convenience.

III. BFA-M-1-032822 2022 Revisions to the Professional Rights and Responsibilities document – Jennifer Hendricks, PRR Revisions Subcommittee – This item was introduced at the April 7, 2022, Assembly meeting. There was no feedback or questions during the previous thirty days or during the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The final document can currently be found on the BFA PRR webpage.

IV. BFA-M-2-040111 BFA Libraries Committee Revised Charge – Philip Chang, Libraries Subcommittee

The revised charge was introduced at the April 7, 2022, meeting. During the thirty days of consideration, the BFA Executive Committee considered feedback from constituents and proposed...
changes to portions of the proposed committee charge and title. Members reviewed the changes and moved to adopt the amendments for the charge. The final amended motion was then voted on and approved unanimously. The revised committee will fill seat vacancies and elect a new chair in the fall.

V. BFA-R-3-032722 Call on CU to Divest from Fossil Fuels – David Paradis, BPC & CSEC member

A subcommittee created by the BFA Budget & Planning Committee (BPC) and BFA Climate, Science, and Education committee introduced a resolution calling on the University of Colorado to divest operating funds that are currently invested in fossil fuels. CU Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer Tony Vu presented information to members regarding a recently approved resolution by the CU Regents supporting incorporating Principles of Responsible Investing related to sustainable investing based on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors in the university investment process. Vu hopes to hire a deputy chief treasurer who will take this process on and he plans to continue to update the BFA on his efforts.

The resolution passed with 32 in favor; 0 opposed; and 2 abstentions.

VI. Spring 2022 BFA Officer Elections – Adam Norris, BFA Secretary

Officer elections ran via Qualtrics from 8am to 5pm on April 28, 2022. Norris read the final results and congratulated the winners. These seats are for one three-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025.

- BFA Vice Chair – Alastair Norcross, Philosophy
- BFA Secretary – Vicki Grove, Germanic & Slavic Literature & Languages

*2021-2022 BFA General Assembly Folder*
BFA PRR Revisions Subcommittee Notice of Motion
Regarding Adoption of Revisions to the Professional Rights and Responsibilities Document
BFA-M-1-032822

MOVED that the Boulder Faculty Assembly adopt the revised Professional Rights and Responsibilities Procedures Document (2021) which has been updated to conform to the Professional Rights and Responsibilities Policy and the Provost’s Advisory Committee on Faculty Grievance Policy.

Related links:

- **BFA PRR webpage** - https://www.colorado.edu/bfa/resources/prr
- **Redline explanation of revisions to PRR (April 7, 2022)** – https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1rWCuM_OGwZuFyEfoPfizgWJ9D-NbM5KQ
- **Provost’s Advisory Committee on Faculty Grievance (2022)** - https://www.colorado.edu/academicaffairs/policies-customs-guidelines/provosts-advisory-committee-faculty-grievance

Submitted by the 2022 PRR Revision Subcommittee: March 28, 2022
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Submitted to the BFA General Assembly: April 7, 2022
Scheduled date for Assembly Vote: April 28, 2022
Whereas the work and mission of the BFA Standing Committees must necessarily evolve to keep in step with changes in campus structure, organization, and administration;

Whereas Article V, Part B, Section 4 of the BFA Bylaws states that “Committees shall review their charges by the end of March every year. Proposed changes to the charges will be presented to the full BFA for approval;”

Therefore, in order to ensure that the charge of the Committee accurately reflects the work and mission of the committee,

Be it resolved that the BFA Assembly consider for approval these revisions of the charge and name of the Libraries Committee.

Libraries, Academic Materials, and Publication Committee

The Libraries Academic Materials and Publications (LAMP) Committee represents the views of faculty members concerning the acquisition, storage, and provision of unique collections and scholarly materials; issues related to scholarly communication, education materials, and open scholarship; and the support of student success through information literacy teaching, research, and student study spaces and related services. The committee also advocates for a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in libraries, academic materials, and publications.

Some key terms are defined below:

- **Unique collections** are the distinctive University holdings of scientific, historical, artistic, or cultural importance collected in support of its teaching and research mission and held by units across campus including the University Libraries’ Rare and Distinctive Collections, the C.U. Art Museum collections, and the C.U. Natural History Museum collections.

- **Scholarly Materials** are the journals, databases, eBooks/books, streaming video, among many other formats of information that the library acquires and makes available for research and teaching.

- **Scholarly communications**, in which creative works, research and other scholarly writings are created, evaluated for quality, disseminated to the scholarly community, and preserved for future use. In short, how faculty communicate and disseminate their work. Examples include: peer reviewed articles, white papers, conference posters, monographs
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- **Education materials**, in partnership with the CU Bookstore, are virtual or physical items and media that enhance student learning and understanding of a subject area. Examples include: textbooks, course packs, lab books, and software/apps.

- **Open scholarship** encompasses open practices in academia including open access, open data, and open educational resources. Open practices of knowledge creation and dissemination focus on increasing inclusion, social impact, and participation (UBC).

- **Information literacy** is the set of integrated abilities encompassing the reflective discovery of information, the understanding of how information is produced and valued, and the use of information in creating new knowledge and participating ethically in communities of learning ([ACRL, 2015](#)).

Committee Membership
The Libraries Academic Materials and Publications Committee shall have eight elected faculty as described in the BFA Standing Rules Article V.; Section 1; Article c on Committees. The committee may choose additional members, subject to approval by the Executive Committee, to ensure sufficient membership to address specific issues and concerns as they arise. Appointed non-voting members shall include administration liaisons, faculty resource members, and students. Campus administration liaisons (or their designees) shall include but not be limited to the: Dean of Libraries, Law Library Director, CU Bookstore Director, Campus Registrar, and representatives from the C.U. Natural History Museum and the C.U. Art Museum. Other administration liaison members may be added at the discretion of the committee chair. The committee chair may appoint up to two faculty, active or retired, in a Faculty Resource member seat with a one-year term. The committee may approve up to three student members annually who shall be selected from CU student government bodies (undergraduate and graduate), and campus Libraries or Museum student employees.

Voting Members elected by Assembly:
- 2 BFA Representative seats (A&S or Non-A&S)
- 3 Arts & Sciences Faculty seats
- 3 Non-Arts & Sciences Faculty seats
- Additional faculty as recommended by the Committee and approved by the Executive Committee

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Whereas the Boulder Faculty Assembly has previously issued resolutions acknowledging overwhelming evidence of anthropogenic climate change (BFA-R-120116), supporting youth climate action (BFA-R-1-090519), and supporting the CU Student Government’s Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency (BFA-R-4-92LCR03);

Whereas CU Boulder is an original signatory to the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment in 2007;

Whereas CU Boulder Chancellor Philip DiStefano issued a “Call to Climate Action” in 2021 recognizing the imperative to address climate change and climate justice, and calling on faculty, staff, and students “to activate our campus to face this challenge head on”;1

Whereas CU Boulder is a world-class hub for climate change research, policy, and innovation, with a valuable reputation for leadership in these areas;

Whereas investment in fossil fuels that continue to exacerbate the climate change emergency does reputational damage to CU Boulder’s brand as an internationally renowned center of excellence in climate change scholarship;

Whereas scientists argue that keeping climate change within a global carbon budget for a 2 degree C increase in global average surface temperature necessitates that billions of dollars worth of fossil fuel assets must stay in the ground;2

Whereas seven states, the District of Columbia, and dozens of municipalities have initiated lawsuits in both state and federal courts with the potential to significantly decrease the valuation of fossil fuel companies’ stock prices in part based on credible evidence that fossil fuel companies have knowingly misinformed the American public about the dangers of fossil fuels on the environment;3

1 https://www.colorado.edu/chancellor/chancellor-call-climate-action

2 https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-021-03821-8;
   https://www.sciedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214629618305383;
   https://www.econstor.eu/bitstream/10419/215027/1/cesifo1_wp8025.pdf;
   https://www.cnbc.com/2021/10/21/climate-stranded-assets-show-the-need-for-rapid-energy-transition-carney-says.html

3 https://www.npr.org/2022/01/25/1075560742/oil-lawsuit-climate-change-baltimore


https://www.law.nyu.edu/centers/state-impact/issues/climate-action/suits-against-oil-companies
Whereas financial investment managers have a fiduciary responsibility to address climate risk;  

Whereas the transition away from fossil fuels poses financial opportunities to reinvest in different funds that could facilitate a just transition;  

Whereas the region where we live and work in the University of Colorado System continues to be threatened by traumatic climate change effects, including historic floods, widespread drought, and fires and the forecast is for these traumatic events to worsen in the coming decades;  

Whereas the University of Colorado system relies on out-of-state tuition to fund its operations and many out-of-state students apply to CU because of Colorado’s environment, which climate change threatens to imperil with increased wildfires, floods, and heatwaves, thereby threatening CU’s primary source of operating income;  

Whereas the climate emergency disproportionately impacts marginalized communities and thus a just transition from a fossil fuel-based economy to a renewable one provides the opportunity to uphold our mission for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:  

Whereas the University of Colorado System is an institution of higher education that is invested in the health and security of future generations, from our students to our children;  

Whereas 1500 institutions including universities, pension funds, governments and foundations have divested almost 40 trillion USD from fossil fuels;  

Be it therefore resolved, that we, the Boulder Faculty Assembly, call on the University of Colorado System to work with faculty governance bodies at the system and campus levels to develop a socially responsible strategy to divest from fossil fuels and to reinvest in a just energy transition, as quickly as financially prudent but no later than 2027.

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5 https://divestmentdatabase.org/ ; see also: https://www.divest101.com/list