BFA and BFA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

The Boulder Faculty Assembly (BFA) is the policy-making body for CU Boulder faculty. Faculty-initiated policies, including those dealing with academics (admissions, grading, etc.), scholastics (curriculum, progress towards degrees, etc.) and the academic dimension of student well-being (including, but not limited to, academic ethics and expectations), are dealt with in the BFA and forwarded to the appropriate CU Boulder administrative offices for incorporation into campus policy.

The BFA Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC) takes the lead, on the behalf of the BFA, in regard to athletics-related policies & issues that affect the ability of student-athletes and other affected students to succeed as members of our academic community. The BFA IAC’s primary concern is the academic well-being of student-athletes. It also serves as a two-way communications channel between the Boulder Campus faculty and Intercollegiate Athletics, as represented by administrators, coaches and student-athletes. Any policies or modifications proposed by the IAC will be subject to the usual BFA processes and will be forwarded to the campus and the CU Boulder Athletics Board (CU BAB).

The BFA Intercollegiate Athletics Committee has specific responsibility for:

- Monitoring the academic impact on student-athletes of policy decisions and their implementation, including the impact of the scheduling of athletically related activities on student-athletes’ ability to meet their academic obligations.
- Coordinating, with the appropriate Intercollegiate Athletic Department and academic advising personnel, student-athlete academic and career advising.
- Reviewing issues pertaining to admissions, academic programs, grades, graduation rates, progress & retention of student-athletes.
- Monitoring NCAA compliance issues that pertain to academic requirements and success.
- Monitoring the content and instruction of ARSC 1600-800, “The CU Experience,” and any other academic course or program required of all student-athletes as a condition of their participation in intercollegiate athletics.
- Recommending faculty members to the BFA Chair to serve as the BFA’s representative to the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA).
- Recommending faculty members to participate in Athletics hiring processes and to serve on NCAA certification committees, and other committees, as required and appropriate.
- Coordinating, with the appropriate Athletics personnel, faculty participation in visits of prospective student-athletes to the Boulder campus; informing those faculty of the need for compliance education and qualification.
- Communicating and coordinating with the CU Boulder Athletics Board in all appropriate areas, including but not limited to matters of admission standards, academic progress & performance, and graduation rates of student-athletes.

Membership of the BFA Intercollegiate Athletics Committee is determined by the BFA Standing Rules and Bylaws. Two faculty members who are voting members of the BFA IAC shall serve as voting members of the CU Boulder Athletics Board. The Chair of the CU BAB shall serve on the BFA IAC, ex officio without voting privileges. The Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) and the representative to the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) shall serve on the BFA IAC, ex officio without voting privileges.