



Faculty Council Executive Committee

Resolution on Reprimand of President Mark Kennedy

April 1, 2021

Whereas, it is the job of Faculty Council to ensure CU's principles of shared governance are honored as well as advocate for faculty on all matters in which they have an interest as allowed for in Regent Law and Policy;

Whereas, in doing so we help safeguard both academic freedom and freedom of expression for all members of our community and further excellence in teaching, research, and service;

Whereas, all faculty have the right to make requests of their respective shared governance bodies and those bodies have the right to act on those requests in accordance with their bylaws without fear of intimidation or retaliation by administrators or Regents;

Whereas, Faculty Council asserts the right of the Boulder Faculty Assembly to consider any motion, including the motion to censure President Kennedy, in accordance with their bylaws;

Whereas, Faculty Council has repeatedly made efforts to engage in shared governance with President Kennedy on significant matters relating to strategic planning, DEI, and online education, with disappointing results;

Therefore, be it resolved, Faculty Council's Executive Committee moves to strongly condemn and officially reprimand President Mark Kennedy for his failure of leadership in regard to shared governance as outlined in CU Regent Law and Policy. Moreover, Faculty Council's Executive Committee calls on President Kennedy to swiftly and publicly refute recent unwarranted and misinformed attacks on CU faculty in an effort to "promote free expression on the University of Colorado campuses . . . while simultaneously protecting the university environment" (Article 1E4).

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