



Boulder Faculty Assembly

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

BFA Faculty Affairs Committee Notice of Motion
Resolution Against the CU Regents Appealing the Daily Camera Lawsuit
BFA-R-2-042920

Whereas there is no good reason in this case to reject the transparency that is an essential feature of democratic societies, and especially of public institutions in such societies;

Whereas we believe that abiding by the principle of transparency will result in the strongest candidates possible -- that is, campus leaders who share our commitment to this core principle.

Whereas research shows that a transparent executive search does not reduce the quality or success of the outcome.¹

Whereas we the faculty believe that not only is transparency owed to all members of the CU community, and to the citizens of Colorado, but the decision to appeal is particularly egregious in the middle of the current crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. It is of urgent importance at the present that the Board not waste time and money trying to maintain unwarranted secrecy, but rather devote itself to the vital task of ensuring the current and future health of the University of Colorado, and its faculty, staff, and students, in the face of severe challenges.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Boulder Faculty Assembly strongly condemns the decision by a bare partisan majority of the Board of Regents to appeal the Denver District Court ruling that they had violated Colorado's Open Records Act in refusing the *Daily Camera's* request to release information on the six finalists for the position of CU President.

Submitted by the Faculty Affairs Committee: April 29, 2020
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Submitted to the BFA General Assembly: April 30, 2020
Specifics of Assembly vote: MONTH DAY, YEAR

¹ <https://www.aaup.org/article/costs-closed-searches#.Xp7uGshKhPY>
<https://academeblog.org/2019/04/26/the-finalist-list-of-one/>