



Student Advisory Committee  
to the Auraria Board

## SACAB Minutes

**Date:** 1.19.18

**Time:** 9:10am- 10:10am

**Location:** Senate Chambers, Tivoli

### ATTENDEES

#### Community College of Denver

- Ola Alsaadi, SACAB – *present*
- Jesus Robledo, SACAB – *present*
- Kathryn Mahoney, Ex-Officio – *present*

#### Metropolitan State University of Denver

- Emily Straka, SACAB – *present*
- Courtney Jones, SACAB – *absent*
- Angela LeValley, Ex-Officio – *present*

#### University of Colorado Denver

- Mayra Gallegos-Lopez, SACAB – *present*
- Frida Silva, SACAB – *present*
- Joe Halter, Ex-Officio – *present*

#### Auraria Higher Education Center

- Ariel Redell, Advisor – *present*
- Jared Rollheiser, Secretary – *present*

#### Others Present

Chris Herr (AHEC, SCP Officer), Meloni Crawford (CCD, Dean of Students)

### AGENDA

- Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Ariel requested that the election commission budget of \$6,500 be added to the agenda.

**Frida called for a motion to add the budget to the agenda. Ola moved, Emily seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The minutes were approved unanimously.**

- New Business

a. Vote on RTD Referendum Language

The RTD referendum language has stayed consistent throughout the years, the only difference is the price and the date range. The cost has dropped \$3 since last year; it went from \$105 to \$102 per student, per semester.

**Frida called for a motion to approve the RTD referendum language. Emily moved. Ola seconded. The language was approved unanimously.**

b. Vote on Election Commissioner Budget

Last year the pay rate for election commissioners was \$10.80/hour (student 4). This year, the minimum wage has changed, so their pay will increase slightly. The budget for the commissioners will be \$6,500 dollars. \$3000 was set aside for the voting software and the additional money is for marketing and event related items.

**Frida called for a vote to approve the election commissioner budget of \$6,500. The group approved the budget unanimously.**

c. SACAB Semester Goals

Frida wants this to be a progressive and successful semester. She requested that everyone propose some of their goals for this semester.

Mayra wants to have the highest turnout of RTD votes this year. In terms of execution, it will require teaming up with the election commissioners from all three schools and perhaps additional social media posts. Mayra also wants us to continue with the planning of the Tivoli's gender-neutral bathroom. The initiative SACAB began talking about regarding parking passes for students who donate to the food banks is also something she wants to continue with. Lastly, she is interested in working with SCP on the implementation of e waste stations on campus.

Emily is considering a xeriscaping project on campus to reduce the current amount of water required to keep the grass and plants thriving on campus. There is a timeline in the works, and ideally a proposal will be drafted within the next two months. Emily is also looking into energy efficiency when it comes to lighting and bulbs around campus. SCP will be looking for two new representatives. Funding for 20 new car charging stations is being gathered, which would bring our campus count up to 26 charging stations. Emily agreed that keeping up with the general-neutral bathroom and RTD referendum are critical for this semester. Lastly, she will be recruiting for the sustainability conference, which will occur on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Jesus agreed that the gender neutral bathroom is on his priority list. Jesus is no longer going to be able to attend SCP meetings due to his new-found architecture internship.

Ola agrees with the group that the gender-neutral bathroom is a priority. Ola also brought up the vending machine for women's hygiene products, something that was discussed last semester. She would like to continue looking into that. She thought that SGA's, SACAB, SCP, and any other related committee should do marketing for each other on their social media accounts, so that everyone can be informed about all the committees there are on campus.

Frida wants to get the gender neutral bathroom project accomplished this semester. Or at least in the works. She would like to put together a funding request proposal that they could provide to their institutional CBO's. An architecture firm recently came to campus and did a walkthrough in order to get a more accurate cost estimate. They will come back to SACAB with a budget. AHEC has already committed to putting forth \$25,000 toward this project. Angela said that MSU Denver may have already passed their budget for the upcoming fiscal year, but she recommended taking this to PODSOC. Most likely, AHEC would cover the total cost of the bathroom build out, and then bill the institutions the agreed upon contribution amount. A party could be held for the bathroom opening. Frida will work on drafting the funding request proposal.

Frida moved on to talk about the food pantry/bank initiative. She thought of the name, "help pantry, get parking" but Metro has a food bank, not pantry so work may need to be done still to avoid confusion. The idea is that students can donate 5 food items and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win free "daily" parking passes. 10 winners from each institution will be contacted via email. Perhaps having a double system rewarding both those who donate and those who use the food pantry/bank could be implemented. Frida pointed out that SACAB previously agreed that they would reward people who were donating items. The food pantry raffle is students only, just so faculty and staff will not be included.

Position Announcements

o SGA

CU Denver: had a retreat yesterday and met with committees. They have more student outreach in the works.

CCD: had a MLK event and gave out awards. The CCD vice president is meeting their SGA today as well.

MSU Denver: hasn't had much going on, but they have a new SACAB representative, Courtney Jones. SACAB will review goals and get her caught up next week.

o ABOD, Ola Alsaadi – ABOD will meet 1/24/18 from 7:30am-9:00am

o PODSOC, Frida Silva: They are moving their meeting times to the second Thursday of the month (so they can advise AEC on policies if needed). The first meeting being on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

o FSAC, Mayra Gallegos-Lopez: FSAC now meets Wednesdays at noon and also needs a new representative.

o SCP, Emily Straka: Doesn't have quorum but 10 proposals are in the works.

o Campus Update, Ariel Redell/Rob Byers

Next week Barb and a CU Denver guest are coming to SACAB to talk about the Reprogramming Task Force and about issues with Sigi's Hub.

A vice chair will need to be elected within SACAB. And possibly filling the open PR position as well.

RTD has a working group that has been meeting regarding their passes. Rob has been attending those meetings and will bring updates when they decide on a new pass program. Chris wanted to know if they'll start getting ridership numbers from RTD; Rob responded that we will but they'll be aggregate.

Public Comment

Mayra made a new flier for CCD's empty Election Commission position. The new SACAB member, Courtney, couldn't attend today's meeting due to being sick.

Adjournment

10:02am