



Student Advisory Committee
to the Auraria Board

SACAB Minutes

Date: March 2, 2018

Time: 9:10am-10:10am

Location: Senate Chambers

ATTENDEES

Community College of Denver

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

Metropolitan State University of Denver

- Emily Straka, SACAB – *Present*
- Courtney Jones, SACAB – *Present*
- Angela LeValley, Ex-Officio – *Absent*

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), Rob Byers (AHEC, Director of Campus Programs), Carl Meese (AHEC, Executive Campus Planner), Meloni Crawford (CU Denver, Dean of Students), Diana Ibarra (MSU Denver, Assistant Director of Student Activities, filling in for Angela LeValley)

AGENDA

- Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda and Minutes Approved unanimously

- New Business

a. Review and Vote on Bathroom Proposal

Frida brought the group a draft of the All-Gender Bathroom proposal and asked for everyone's opinions and edits before approving it as the final proposal. There were a few minor changes made in order to allow the proposal to read well and be as inclusive as possible.

In terms of timeline, if funding is secured, the project could probably be accomplished over summer. A question was raised about why SACAB isn't using the funding formula, based off the institutions population percentages; 50% MSU, 35% CU Denver and, 15% CCD. Regardless of how the institutions want to fund it, the group and the ex-officios believe that they will have support for this project. SACAB is also willing to contribute some funding. SACAB will get in touch with the CFO's and student governments.

Frida called for a motion to approve the funding proposal for the all-gender bathroom within the Tivoli. Emily moved, Ola seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

b. MSU Tabling Evaluation

Courtney has scheduled the table for March 7th from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the lobby of the Student Success Building.

c. Help Pantry/ Get Parking Evaluation/Updates

There have been no donations from CCD and MSU. Frida distributed parking passes to CU Denver students, but they want to try again in April to see if they have more participation.

d. Schedule March Outreach for CU Denver

CU Denver neighborhood tabling outreach can wait until next month.

e. Plan March Goals

Tabled for next Friday's meeting.

Position Announcements

o SGA

CCD: will be voting on the faculty of the year and is cast by student vote.

MSU Denver: DECO is asking if they can host workshops in St. Cajetan's to help students get involved in government.

CU Denver: has released a resolution in response to the Right to Rest House Bill, but it gives no clear position. Rather it creates an ADHOC committee to oversee the act and work on alternative solutions. This will be a Students in Crisis committee. CU Denver SGA is also hosting an event to open up dialogue between citizens and police officers. CU Denver is also planning for a "Majors Mixer" event in the Turnhalle.

o ABOD, Ola Alsaadi – *no update*

o PODSOC, Frida Silva – *no update*

o FSAC, Mayra Gallegos-Lopez

Changed meeting times to 11:00 on Wednesday's

o SCP, Emily Straka – *no update*

- Campus Update, Ariel Redell/Rob Byers
Ariel brought some information on the Right to Rest Act; House Bill 18-1067; the two sponsors of the bill have brought it forward three times, each time unchanged. Auraria has historically opposed the bill, however, AHEC and the institutions are highly sensitive to the current homeless situation in Denver. It is always an emotional struggle, dealing with issues like these. The bill would allow homeless to rest, camp, sleep and eat anywhere on campus that they wish. This creates safety issues. For example, currently, we have a No Camping Policy on campus, so this would be in direct conflict to that. Additionally if ACPD sees bags left on campus, they take them, just in case of a bomb threat. If the bill were to pass, as written, it wouldn't allow our police to do that. Bags and other property would have to be left alone. Events could also be heavily disrupted, as homeless folks would be allowed to set up tents, sleeping areas in any of our outdoor event spaces like 9th Street Park or the Quad. The bill takes focus away from the students and creates a multitude of new challenges and conflicts. Ariel encouraged the group to think outside the box, and maybe try to come up with some different solutions for our homeless community. AHEC certainly cares about these issues, but their first priority is the students and their educational experience, since they are the ones paying to be here on Auraria campus.

Public Comment
No public comment

Adjournment
10:16am

