



Student Advisory Committee  
to the Auraria Board

## SACAB Minutes

**Date:** March 9, 2018

**Time:** 9:10am – 10:10am

**Location:** Senate Chambers

### ATTENDEES

#### Community College of Denver

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

#### Metropolitan State University of Denver

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

#### University of Colorado Denver

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

#### Auraria Higher Education Center

- Ariel Redell, Advisor – *Absent*
- Jared Rollheiser, Secretary – *Present*

#### Others Present

- Avery Balano, CU Denver, filling in for Joe Halter
- Ashely Jaramillo, CCD, filling in Kathryn Mahoney
- Chris Herr, AHEC, SCP Officer
- Carl Meese, AHEC, Executive Campus Planner
- Rob Byers, AHEC, Director of Campus Programs
- Antwaun Johnson, MSU Denver student, Observer
- Coby Wikselaar, CU Denver, Observer

### AGENDA

- Approval of Agenda and Minutes  
Emily made a motion to add the SCP Staffing Budget Proposal to the agenda, Mayra seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously. Minutes approved unanimously.**
- Unfinished Business
  - a. Plan March Goals

A single thing was added to the march goals which was to confirm with institutional offices how much they'd be willing to donate to help fund the all-gender bathroom.

New Business

a. Vote on SCP Proposals

Emily brought SACAB the menstrual cup proposal first. The proposal includes the purchase of 400 reusable menstrual cups for distribution by the Phoenix Center. Originally the cups were sold at \$40 a cup but the vendor has offered the total bulk amount for \$17 per cup, putting the total cost of the cups at \$6,800 and leaving \$44,857.40 in the Education and Outreach budget. Marketing materials will be posted in bathrooms (by the Phoenix Center) advertising where to find the cups. Information on how to use them is included with each cup. The Phoenix center has offered to hold all 400 cups, although it was decided that they'd only carry 50 cups at a time. The institutional food banks have also been contacted and might also carry them.

**The proposal was approved unanimously.**

Next Emily brought up the Student Staffing proposal. Currently the SCP has 2 student employees and no work study students. With the addition of 6 work study students, totaling, on average, \$15,050/year per person, SCP will be allowed to drastically expand its education and outreach program. The work studies will be responsible for tabling, assisting the graphic design of marketing materials, and helping to increase waste diversion by 9%, among other things, as needed. The proposal has a \$15,000 buffer embedded in it as a precaution in case students exceed their work study hour limit.

**The proposal was approved unanimously.**

The final proposal was the Marketing proposal which was mostly for the purchase of swag items, which is especially important with the rebranding of SCP and SCPAC. The proposal is formatted as a reoccurring cost, so that Chris will be able to order things needed by SCP on the fly.

**The proposal was approved unanimously.**

Position Announcements

o SGA

CU Denver: has been working on making an ADHOC committee for the Right to Rest Act. Today they're volunteering with the Food Bank of the Rockies. LGBTQ is also being contacted about the all-gender bathroom to see if they're willing to donate into the project.

CCD: has outreach at AMC on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April and has an event for the DREAMER program. CCD is going to be busy in the next coming weeks and has already emailed the bathroom proposal to their SGA.

MSU Denver: Outreach was rescheduled for this Tuesday from 1:00 - 3:00 in the SSB lobby. The committee meeting for the library is today. The library is working on getting table dividers,

more outlets, and working on employee knowledge of services. As of right now there is a fee for printing, but the money isn't connected to accounts and costs more, which has garnered the attention of students and thus MSU's SGA. They're presenting the all-gender bathroom today.

- ABOD, Ola Alsaadi – No update, meets March 28<sup>th</sup>
- PODSOC, Frida Silva – PODSOC met yesterday and had the guest speaker Rich Vigil, the ACPD's Investigations Commander, came to talk about safety procedures. The ACPD offers a 90-minute active shooter training. The renovations at North Classroom are getting wrapped up; the atrium and roof will be a separate project that will most likely begin over the summer.
- FSAC, Mayra Gallegos-Lopez - FSAC finally has a full committee. Caterers are being examined as their contracts are being renewed next fiscal year. Ice cream is a highly sought after amenity in the Tivoli.
- SCP, Emily Straka - Passed multiple proposals today. No other update.
- Campus Update, Ariel Redell/Rob Byers – No update

Public Comment

Coby Wikselaa from CU Denver spoke to the group. She specializes in studying hunger and homelessness and wants to talk to SACAB about the Right to Rest Act. She's excited that an ADHOC committee is being formed through CU Denver's SGA. She wanted to dispel any misconceptions SACAB might have about the act. She shared information about an amendment that defines outdoor space as public but would still exclude indoor spaces. She told the group that the bill requires no support from the campus to help anyone who might use campus as shelter. Student homelessness is a current issue and she feels that criminalizing those students is shameful.

Frida asked what Coby is proposing. She responded saying that she wants SACAB to support the Right to Rest Act by way of a public statement. Homelessness is a huge issue on this campus and in Denver, and Coby pointed out that there is also an overlap between homelessness and domestic violence. Colby is concerned that SGA's have been structured to limit student involvement.

Anwaun Johnson was also present for public comment. He feels that there is tension between where the student voice ends and AHEC begins. He stated that 40% of the nation's homeless population is African American. Antwaun believes that if there is a need for people to sleep in their vehicles, they should be allowed to do so.

He brought up to the group that there may be flaws in the current SACAB bylaws from 2011. One that stands out is the approval dates at the bottom of the document. Additionally, there is no section on conflict resolution, thus, he believes that there is no means of dealing with contention within SCP, SACAB, or the campus' governing bodies. Antwaun requested copies of Auraria Board of Directors minutes from Ariel. She outlined the process for procuring those documents and told him that copies

would run \$.10/page. He expressed that he did not have to pay for copies of the ABOD minutes when he was a Board representative.

Antwaun is also hoping that the SCPAC bylaws could clarify what absences are excused, as well as what can be disputed within the SCPAC. He feels that in order for things to be fair, they need to be written with no room for precedents and inequalities. As of right now the final word on absences rests completely on the chair of SCPAC.

He is requesting changes to both the SCPAC and the SACAB bylaws. For the record, he told the group that the SCPAC once had a "norms" document that defined unexcused and excused absences. To respond to Antwaun in better detail, Frida and Emily will meet with him after the SACAB meeting has concluded.

- Adjournment  
**10:00pm**