



Student Advisory Committee
to the Auraria Board

SACAB Minutes

Date: 11/10/17

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 – *present*

Metropolitan State University of Denver

- Emily Straka, SACAB – *present*
- Bela Puigvert, SACAB – *present*
- Angela LeValley, Ex-Officio – *present (came in late – had rep present)*

University of Colorado Denver

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

Auraria Higher Education Center

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

Others Present

Chris Herr (SCP Officer), Rob Byers (AHEC, Director of Campus Programs), Diana Ibarra (MSU Denver, sitting in for Angela LeValley), Carl Meese (AHEC, Campus Planner)

AGENDA

- Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Emily moved to amend the agenda to include a presentation on the SCP conference. The motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Ismael Garcia – CCD

Ismael was present to talk about SACAB's food pantry initiative. Ariel explained that SACAB is working with the food pantries to give away 10 free parking passes via a drawing. CCD is partnered with Food Bank of the Rockies, and part of their agreement is that they do not need to ask students to donate. Ismael's opinion is instead to target faculty and staff, as far as donations go. CCD's food pantry is funded through student fees and already has a budget to address student hunger needs. He tied this

into student retention & success rates, saying that having a food pantry increases those numbers. Emily pointed out that the objective of the food bank initiative is to get more food donated for the holiday season and not really the affordability of parking on campus. The parking passes are just an incentive.

Ismael commended SACAB for engaging with AHHA (Auraria Hunger and Homelessness) week and trying to raise awareness in our campus community. It's a persistent issue and addressing it is a step in the right direction. Ola wanted to know if targeting student organizations for the food bank/parking pass initiative is still an eligible option. Ariel was also concerned about targeting faculty and staff, because she was unsure if that was really in SACAB's purview. Ismael recommended looking for more statistics to really nail down how we want to approach CCD; a recent study shows that community college students are safer and less hungry than 4-year students. Ariel proposed the idea of students who use the food bank being entered to win the drawing for the parking passes to improve outcome, helping students already in need. Emily is concerned that students might also show up and deplete resources who don't need it, but overall, the group liked the idea of changing up the program.

New Business

a. Emily and Chris's AASHE presentation

Emily and Chris attended a conference by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education a couple weeks ago. They gave a short presentation on things they had learned while at the conference. One of the biggest things that Emily took away was that you have to meet people where they are. Don't always talk about science, but instead, talk about things that interest people, and create links to sustainability.

Bela wanted to know what improvements have been made to Auraria, in terms of energy savings. Chris replied that they've added a 75-kilowatt solar panel on the arts building and HVAC systems have been approved across campus to make them more efficient.

b. Personal Check-In

Frida wanted to have a personal check in to see how SACAB members are doing. Everyone is slightly tense and stressed, as the end of the year approaches, but they are doing okay.

c. SACAB Budget Report

Ariel provided the group with a budget summary.

\$500 has been allocated for AHHA week. Institutions will be billed for their contributions to AHHA.

An additional dollar amount is requested for the two Halloween contest runners up offices needs to have a pizza party as well.

d. Vote on Pizza Budget

Usually \$200 for pizza is usually enough to cover a full office, if they get iPie. Blackjack could be utilized to reduce the cost.

Bela called for a motion to approve a budget not exceed \$100 dollars for the other two offices, who were runners up in the Halloween office decorating contest. **Emily moved, Ola seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

e. Reviewing Non-Perishable for Parking Flyer
Tabled for next meeting, as this promotion might change, based on the information we heard from CCD today.

f. POST FOR RTD Pre-Session
Rob said that next week RTD reps will be at the Turnhalle at noon to speak to students. Their official meeting will begin at 1pm. It will be a chance for students to talk to them directly and voice their opinions. Emily will make a flier advertising the event.

Position Announcements

o SGA:

CCD: is planning their holiday dinner on the 15th. They are also curious about the 5280 Loop. Representatives will come and tell SACAB all about it next Friday, 11/17.

MSU: is done with campus week of action, and it was successful. Bela talked briefly about the times and dates for tabling and events for AHHA week.

CU Denver: didn't have any new updates

o ABOD, Ola Alsaadi: no update. ABOD will not meet until December.

o PODSOC, Frida Silva: no update. PODSOC will not meet until December.

o FSAC, Mayra Gallegos-Lopez: The catering survey is up, please get student org groups to take it. They are still looking for a CU Denver rep.

o SCP, Emily Straka: Two CU Denver members will be leaving after this semester, so the group will need to find new reps.

o Campus Update, Ariel Redell/Rob Byers: Ariel told the group that AHEC has agreed to pay for half of the gender-neutral bathroom install on the second floor of the Tivoli, so now SACAB just needs to come up with the other half. She also told the group that the SACAB tablecloth has arrived and will be placed in the office. The rest of the swag items will be ordered soon.

Public Comment

Ola brought up that AHEC lost one of their employees last week, Carlos Moreno. She asked the group if they would like to buy the family flowers and send a card. The group did want to do that.

Bela called for a motion to approve a budget not to exceed \$80 for the flowers, card and delivery. **Emily moved, Ola seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Adjournment

10:09pm