Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2019
1068 9th Street Park
8:00 – 9:00 AM

Attending/Present:
Chris Holcom          CCD Representative
Bret Hann            CCD Representative (Chair)
David Kottenstette  MSU Denver Representative
Mike Jacobs          MSU Denver Representative
Timberley Roane     CU Denver Representative (ABOD rep)
Barb Weiske          CEO, Auraria Higher Education Center
Ariel Redell         Auraria Higher Education Center

Absent:
Rafael Sanchez       CU Denver Representative

1. Approval of Minutes:
The minutes from the December 3, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Chris moved to approve the
minutes. David seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Campus Updates:
Barb formally announced her retirement to the group. She also provided some history of the campus
and how it began; how her position came to be. She said that this is the most collaborative time in
the history of the campus. Barb explained that the governor appointees from the Board of Directors
are the search committee for her position, and the Board as a whole will make the final decision.
There should be a new CEO on board by June, 2019.

David mentioned that there was an upset at the last faculty meeting regarding the RICOH copy
center. He asked if there are plans to get another copy shop on campus. Barb said that there are no
plans to get another copy shop. Folks can submit orders online, and they can send your copies back
to you or you can pick them up; they have a location downtown. There are machines in the library for
use and those machines can print the poster sized prints for students, faculty and staff. AHEC couldn’t
find a copy shop that wanted to come in. This issue was brought to advisory committees and all of
the students from those committees didn’t know about the copy center and didn’t currently use it.
The staff reps from those group indicated that it often was used for shipping. AHEC is looking into
that service. The student life/activities offices also have their own large scale printers for students to use.

Barb explained that the old RICOH space has been discussed at the Reprogramming Task Force meetings. The Credit Union of Denver is going to move into some of the RIOCH space, and the remainder is slated for an expansion of the LGBTQ office. Additionally, the CU Denver Career Center is moving into the old Tivoli Theatres, so that will open up another large footprint that includes the old ID Center space, the Credit Union of Denver location and the CU Career Center. That full footprint will become a vendor restaurant space with seating. The Reprogramming group has done some exciting and extraordinary things. CU Career Center and CU Experiential Learning Center will both move over to the theatres in the fall of 2019.

Bret asked if Auraria is responsible for ad-astra, which is a rooming program. Barb responded, saying that is a CCD specific program. It’s similar to EMS. Each institution has their own rooming system/program. Timberley asked how they work together. Barb explained that the master system is EMS and that they should all interface with EMS, so everyone should be able to see who is in which classroom.

The group asked about the history of Golda Meir house. Barb gave a short history of how the house got to campus. Barb and David talked a bit more about the history of campus, and where certain things are demarcated, even now.

Barb told the group that the other initiative that AHEC has been working on is the capital renewal project for the steam replacement system ($18M) to natural gas. Auraria received a perfect score (on the cities numeric rating system) on all conditions with the exception of the “cash to the table” condition. Because of Auraria, that condition is actually being reconsidered at a state level. There will possibly be a different scoring process for Auraria in the future. Barb and team have been meeting with senators, house reps, etc to try and explain the project. She has four more meetings this week. Xcel is repairing and rebuilding their entire steam plant, so the campus is hoping to get out before that happens, otherwise the current utility costs would go up by 20%.

Bret asked if there was any talk of solar projects on campus. Barb mentioned that we have a solar array project slated for the roof of the Library. Also, the Arts Building currently has a full array. The Sustainable Campus Program has been working hard on that. The condition of the roof must be considered when thinking about where to place solar. Bret suggested some signage regarding the solar on campus, so people know about it.

Timberley asked if the steam replacement proposal doesn’t get approved by the state, what happens. Barb explained that things would stay the same, the campus would eat the cost of the increase, and would run a high risk of failure. 8 buildings are served by that system and there is no back up system. Xcel is doing some emergency repairs to their system.

March 6, 2019 CCD Faculty Council date when Barb will visit and provide updates. Bret explained that he has been thinking about how to share more information, campus wide. Mike mentioned that their
faculty council was bummed to hear about the parking increase. Bret mentioned that even the students feel they should have free parking. There are currently 5,600 parking spaces and over 40,000 students, faculty and staff on campus.

Mike asked about pool repairs in the PE/Events Center. The pool is permanently closed. There has been some conversation pursued (conceptual), about turning it into a conference center that would serve all of campus: The Center for Campus Events. Sporting events and other activities. The pool leaked so badly that it had to be closed. This plan isn’t in stone, since there is no funding source yet, but it is exciting to think about. It would be a revenue builder and an opportunity for all the schools to utilize it.

Barb mentioned the Parking Passport option, which will not see a price increase next year. They can be customized depending on what days folks are on campus. It is a payroll deduction and it comes pre-tax.

Timberley asked if she needs to find another CU Denver rep for FACAB. Barb said that if she can find someone who can continue, that would be good. MSU Denver will also need a replacement in the fall. MSU and CCD ask for volunteers during their faculty senates.

3. **Adjournment:**
   8:59am