Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2015
EVPA Office Conference Room 1068 9th Street Park
8:00 – 9:00 AM

Attendees:

Eric Hamilton  CCD Representative – present
Lincoln Phillips  CCD Representative – present
David Kottenstette  MSU Denver Representative –excused
Zsuzsa Balough  MSU Denver Representative –absent
Rafael Sanchez  CU Denver Representative –present
Leo Bruederle  CU Denver Representative –excused
Barb Weiske  EVPA, Auraria Higher Education Center –present
Ariel deGruy  Staff, Auraria Higher Education Center –present
Jerry Mason  Guest, Auraria Higher Education Center
Jeff Stamper  Guest, Auraria Higher Education Center
Alyssa Kriese  Guest, SACAB
Austin Banks  Guest, SACAB
Kelly Witthuhn  Guest, Election Commission

1. Approval of Minutes:
   Rafael Sanchez moved to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2015 regular meeting of the
   Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board. The minutes were approved by consensus.

   The motion carried unanimously.

2. Intros:
   Eric requested that everyone go around the room and introduce themselves. Everyone did so.

3. Guests from SACAB, Election Commission, AHEC and PODSOC:
   Ally Kriese, a current SACAB representative, began by explaining that student leaders from all
   three institutions came to an agreement on a smoking policy resolution. They have all passed
   the same verbiage for the limited smoking policy. She also explained that this is something that
   could be revisited by future SACAB groups, if they decide to go 100% tobacco free. Ally told the
   group that they would be meeting with the AEC on March 10, 2015 to discuss this topic and the
   progress they have made.
Eric Hamilton mentioned that FACAB has supported this initiative in the past, and that he would be willing to draft up an email to send out to the members who are not in attendance today in order to get a feel for the whole group consensus.

Ally went on, telling the group that the AEC wanted this to be a student driven initiative, but SACAB also wanted to get support from faculty and staff, because they play a hugely important role on campus. Eric asked if SACAB was looking for something specific, or just a nod of approval. Ally explained that they just want a show of support, possibly in the form of a letter. Eric told Ally that he would send out an email to the FACAB group to get consensus before writing a letter of support. He also suggested that they speak with the faculty senates at each institution. Barb Weiske mentioned that faculty senate can endorse the limited smoking policy as well, but she emphasized the importance of getting a separate letter from FACAB. Eric agreed.

Eric asked when the group would identify the smoking zones. Ally replied that Jerry Mason has already been working on finding good places for the zones to be placed. He plans to work with marketing to create a map of the selected areas around campus. Jerry explained that they intend to take some of the areas that people already use for smoking and create a demarcated zone by adding signage, urns for the butts, and possibly benches. He went on to say that there should be at least one smoking zone in each neighborhood, and a couple in the shared center of campus. They are considering 7-10 total areas around campus. Eric inquired about what kind of signage would be used and Ally replied that they plan to have lots of signs, especially when the policy is first introduced, so that people know exactly where they can go to smoke if they wish. Eric then asked about enforcement, and how they plan on keeping people from smoking elsewhere. Ally told the group that this will still just be a smoking policy, not a law, so they will not be giving out any sort of tickets or fines for this. Instead, the neighborhood officers will assist with monitoring the use of tobacco outside of the smoking zones. It will eventually just become a part of the campus culture. Ally told the group that if the new smoking policy passed this semester, over the summer and fall, there would be lots of education about the policy-getting the message out, and promoting cessation programs. Then in the fall of 2016, they would implement the full policy. She believes that it will be a smooth transition.

Eric suggested that they take advantage of some of the new technology around campus. The large LED screens in each building would be a great place to promote the new policy and educate people all over campus. He then asked when SACAB would need the approval by, and Ally replied that they would like something in time to present to the AEC on 3/10/2015. Barb thanked the students, and everyone who has been working so hard on getting this policy pushed through.

4. Needle Disposal:

Eric explained to the group, why he wanted this to be brought as an agenda item. He told them that he has a student in one of his classes who is diabetic and needs to use insulin, sometimes during his class period. Because there is no place in Cherry Creek to properly dispose of the
needle, the student must walk over to the Confluence Building in order to throw away his needles.

Jeff Stamper was present at the meeting to discuss this agenda item. He explained that many of the defibrillating machines as well as needle disposal units were put in by the schools themselves. These were in neighborhood buildings, and therefore, controlled by the three institutions. He went on to explain that there might be some underlying issues with installing more needle disposal units. Being so close to Colfax, AHEC already has some issues with drug users in the buildings. The people most often using and disposing of needles are not students. Furthermore, he explained that it is not an ADA requirement. There are additional costs involved, besides the disposal units themselves. A special company needs to be paid to come and empty the units and dispose of the used needles. Eric asked who is in charge of CCD’s disposal unit, and Jeff replied that he would suggest contacting Kevin Seidler.

Lincoln Phillips suggested that the Health Center at Auraria might also be a good contact, since they also have a needle disposal unit in their area. If someone is already paying to have that unit picked up, there might be a way to piggy-back on that, even if it was just a few other buildings on campus. Eric said that he believes it is a necessary accommodation for students as well as a health issue. Often people with diabetes carry kits in which the needles come with caps on them, and they can simply replace the cap once the needle has been used, and wait until an appropriate time to dispose of it. AHEC has had issues with needles and drug use before, especially near the light rail stations, so they have been working hard to discourage that. Eric asked Jeff if it was possible for him to come to the next FACAB meeting with more information about this, and Jeff agreed.

5. **Faculty Friends of Auraria Criteria:**

   Eric came prepared with a list of criteria that he had put together from the ideas the group had sent him since their last meeting. He believes that this award will really bring the institutions together. Barb Weiske and some of the FACAB members all agreed that the criteria looked great. Lincoln liked that it was direct- short and sweet, nothing that is difficult to understand. Rafael Sanchez brought up that it should be based on service, not just sitting on a committee, because of how many people are involved in other things around campus. Eric agreed, but also mentioned that he believes it should depend on the nature of the activity. They don’t want to limit themselves or the award. The award should be something that recognizes people who are already going above and beyond and not as much about promoting people to begin these activities. Barb suggested that the group start small, with fewer criterions, and see how it goes. There is always room to grow and improve once they see how the first round shakes out. Once the group begins getting nominations they will have a better idea about what they might want as criteria in future years. Eric asked the group about a timeline and when they want to start taking nominations. He said mentioned that CCD’s employee recognition takes place annually in April, and asked Barb if she envisioned this being a separate ceremony, or if they would include this award with their regular employee recognition ceremony. The group thought it would be a
good idea to have this award announced at one of the Auraria Board meetings, possibly May or June, since they would get the most out of their parking passes that way. Not to mention, they thought it would be an honor receiving the award from the Auraria Board of Directors. The group liked the idea.

6. Diversity Discussion:
   Eric told the group that his goal is to compile a list of diversity events that happen both in class and around campus. He also suggested that the FACAB group go to their diversity officers and see if they can give insight into the events they put on each semester/year. Eric explained that the board wants to know about events that are going to happen in the upcoming year in addition to the events that have already taken place. Eric explained that he thinks the group should put together two lists, one highlighting things that happen in the classroom, and the other highlighting campus wide events, or bigger things that happen around campus that might involve all the institutions. Lincoln mentioned that he wanted to try and engage the Downtown Denver Partnership on this as well. He believed they could be helpful both in the communication aspect as well as funding. Eric agreed. The group will come back together next month and share what they have found so far.

7. Updates:
   Barb wanted to share a couple updates. The students will be presenting two referendums to be voted on in April. One for the increased RTD fee connected to the student bus/light rail pass, and the other for the Tivoli Park/Quad fee. This particular fee will not only cover the Tivoli Park project, but also help with future projects on campus. She explained that the Tivoli Park plans that the design team has shared are very exciting. They include the addition of lots more trees, study areas, a beer garden, tiered patios, personal spaces, and room enough for 12,000 people for graduations.

8. Other
   Rafael Sanchez mentioned that he really liked the addition of the charging stations in the 5th street garage. He explained to the group, because he has an electric car himself, that the charging stations are actually shareable- they don’t necessarily need one per car, because the cars only need to charge for a few hours at a time.

   Lincoln brought up that the he was excited to see all the updates for bikers around campus. Being a cyclist himself, he was pleased at the efforts to make this a more bike friendly campus. Rafael asked about bike safety on campus. Barb responded that if you have the right kind of locks (u locks), then the campus was a fairly safe place to park your bike. Lincoln agreed, and shared that he has had a u lock for years now, and has never had any trouble parking his bike on Auraria.

   Eric asked the group if there was anything else they would like to discuss, and the group said that there was not.
9. Adjournment:

Lincoln Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rafael Sanchez seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:11