Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2015
EVPA Office Conference Room 1068 9th Street Park
8:00 – 9:00 AM

Attendees:

Eric Hamilton  CCD Representative – present
Lincoln Phillips  CCD Representative – absent
David Kottenstette  MSU Denver Representative – present
Zsuzsa Balough  MSU Denver Representative – present
Rafael Sanchez  CU Denver Representative – present
Leo Brueederle  CU Denver Representative – present
Barb Weiske  EVPA, Auraria Higher Education Center – present
Ariel deGruy  Staff, Auraria Higher Education Center – present

1. **Approval of Minutes:**
   David Kottenstette moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2015 regular meeting of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board. Zsuzsa Balough seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Faculty Friends of Auraria Award:**
   Eric Hamilton told the group that he was finalizing the criteria for the faculty friend’s award. Once he has a solid document, he will distribute to FACAB. Eric also made a quick announcement that he might be retiring next year, so he may not be able to continue with FACAB.

3. **ABOD update:**
   Eric asked if Barb Weiske would give an update on the board meeting, because he was not in attendance. Barb told the group that it was a short board meeting. They approved the negotiation of a memorandum of agreement for the dissolution of the Auraria Foundation. AHEC will become the custodian of their records. The Board also changed Barb’s title from EVPA to CEO. The title change will help people know who she is and what her position is.

   David Kottenstette asked why the Foundation was being dissolved and Barb replied that AHEC no longer needs as much assistance from them as they have in the past. They deemed themselves no longer a fund raising body. David then asked if we would lose a board member because of the dissolution of the Foundation. Barb told the group they would not lose an ABOD member, because she is a governor appointee. David also asked if there was any money left over from the Foundation, and Barb told the group that they are planning to use that money towards the new Tivoli Quad project.
Rafael Sanchez told Barb that it would be nice if students had a place designated to run some of their solar projects. There isn’t anywhere currently on campus for students to test photo cells, run experiments, etc. Barb suggested two things, the first being, to speak to Jeff Stamper, because he schedules a lot of the outdoor spaces around campus. She also suggested hooking up with the Sustainable Campus Program to see if they can work together on a project for these particular students. David asked about the 5th Street Hub, and if that might be an ideal place for some of the experiments. Barb explained that the 5th Street Hub is now housing CU Denver motorsports engineering programs as well as MSU Denver’s bio diesel projects.

4. Diversity Discussion:
Eric asked the group if and how they integrate diversity practices into their classrooms. Leo suggested that FACAB talk to the diversity offices, because they most likely have a list of all events for the semester, both in the classroom and out. Eric agreed, saying that it would help to have a contact from each institution, so they could start a list of all the events that happen on campus. Barb told the group that Brenda Allen from CU Denver’s diversity office has already been spoken to about this initiative and is currently working on it, along with Myron Anderson from MSU Denver. David mentioned that a big piece to this puzzle is connecting with downtown Denver. Having some sort of liaison would be helpful. Someone who can communicate to DDP what is happening on campus, and spread the word outside of campus. Barb mentioned that having every single event shared with DDP would be a little overwhelming for them, because so much goes on around campus, but hitting topical things, like diversity is a great idea. David mentioned creating an easier website where all Auraria events could be listed. The group agreed that this was a great idea. Zsuzsa mentioned possibly getting all four of the IT departments together to see if they can come up with an easily navigable website. The group concurred.

5. Updates/Concerns:
There were no current updates.

6. Other:
Eric asked about 10th Street being torn up and what is going on there. Barb responded that they are refinishing the pedestrian mall with concrete pavers. They are trying to get the work done now, so that it will be completed by the fall semester for the incoming freshman.

Zsuzsa asked about the solid line at the turn lane at Auraria and 7th Street. She told the group that you have to cross a solid line in order to turn there, and asked if there was some way to correct that issue. Barb replied that Jill Jennings Golich submitted a request to the city when she was here, but they still haven’t heard any new info about it. There are quite a few other projects that the city is working on, so she believes that this just isn’t a top priority right now.
Eric asked the group if there was anything else they would like to discuss, and the group said that there was not.

7. **Adjournment:**

    David Kottenstette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Zsuzsa Balough seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

    Meeting was adjourned at 9:03