Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016
EVPA Office Conference Room 1068 9th Street Park
8:00 – 9:00 AM

Attendees:

Rafael Sanchez  CU Denver Representative (Chair and ABOD representative)
Timberley Roane  CU Denver Representative
Zsuzsa Balogh  MSU Denver Representative
David Kottenstette  MSU Denver Representative
Lincoln Phillips  CCD Representative
Chris Holcom  CCD Representative
Barb Weiske  CEO, Auraria Higher Education Center
Ariel Redell  Staff, Auraria Higher Education Center

1. **Introductions:**
The group will be made up of the same members as 2015-2016 fiscal year, as listed above.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**
The minutes from the March 3rd and April 4th, 2016 were reviewed. Timberley moved to approve both sets of minutes. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Confirmation of Chair/Board Representative:**
David recognized that, per FACAB bylaws, it was CU Denver’s term to be FACAB chair and ABOD representative. Timberley made a recommendation and motion that Rafael Sanchez be this year’s Chair and Board rep. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Semester Goals:**
Rafael asked the group if they would like to continue to take tours of some of the campus buildings or spaces that they might not have seen last year. Zsuzsa asked if they could tour building/construction sites, and Barb replied that they could as long as they were able to coordinate with someone from their institutions to arrange the tour. Timberley mentioned that they are currently breaking ground on the Wellness Center and that North Classroom will start renovations soon as well. Zsuzsa told the group that she would find out about getting onto the AES building site.

Rafael brought up campus safety, stating that shootings are becoming more prevalent and asking if they could get additional training and possibly coordinate something with all three
institutions. The issue of concealed carry was discussed. Chris and David explained that people are allowed to carry a concealed weapon on campus with the appropriate permit, and it must be hidden or concealed. No open carry on campus. Barb told the group that we have a robust emergency preparedness program that offers all sorts of trainings, from active shooter to general safety to severe weather. In addition, she explained that each department can set up a time to have them come to the office and go through some safety and emergency situations with everyone, or individuals can sign up for group style classes. Timberley asked if the Active Shooter training could be offered more often, stating that she has not been able to take it a few times, due to the classes filling up. Chris told the group that CCD has organized trainings with the Emergency Preparedness group on multiple occasions and they were all successful. Barb agreed to provide more information about who to contact regarding Emergency Preparedness.

Raphael brought up the tour that they took to the library last semester and wanted to discuss the possibility to partnering with all three institutions and the Auraria Library to create an innovation showcase or innovation center where students, faculty and staff could come together and build different displays and collections that could be enjoyed by all. David brought up the Denver Art Museum, saying that they do something similar. They have a studio where they provide tools or utensils needed to create something cool, related to their current showcase, and people can just go in and use it, hands on. Sometimes they have experts scheduled that will come in and talk or teach about that particular topic. He told the group that it is very engaging and creative. The group had some questions about who would organize and coordinate all these events at the library, so that is something to think about going forward with this initiative. Barb suggested that the group meet with Cindy Hashert, the Library’s interim director as a jumping off point. The group thought that this would be a great way to get all three schools involved in something creative and engaging, and could create a sense of collective identity.

The group then discussed the FFA award that they had been working on last year. It was decided that Ariel would collect all submissions and distribute to the group for review and decisions. The group decided they would talk to their constituents and present the award information to their faculty senates as well.

David mentioned a complaint that he had caught wind of regarding the doors to the Café portion of the Auraria Library. The ADA button had not been installed, so folks with disabilities were unable to get into the Café area of the Library. Barb said that she would find out what was going on and let the group know.

Rafael wanted to talk to the group about creating and hosting an 1800’s event, here on Historic 9th Street Park, where the campus and community could be invited to experience traveling back in time, via costumes, food, acting and entertainment. He thought that it would be a great idea to try and organize an event that could highlight the campus and get a lot of people involved. Chris mentioned that a couple student groups were already planning a similar event. David
suggested that for the next meeting, they all come prepared with any items or ideas that they would like to work on this semester, they can be vetted then and decisions can be made regarding what they should focus on this year.

Barb wanted to share a little information regarding the work that has been done on the Conceptual Walkway project. She shared with the group that they had put together a team of people, including representatives from the City, DDP, DPAC, AHEC and others to begin to look at options as far as an interactive walkway goes. They have come up with a plan, that Barb shared with the group. It includes a three phase approach. Phase one being the “road diet”, creating a more pedestrian friendly area and a protected bike lane. Phase two would be creating and building the walkway itself. Phase three would include engaging the bridge with buildings, the river, and possible pavilions and other activities. David asked who was going to fund this project and Barb informed him that has not been decided yet. Some of the first phase might be able to be funded, at least in part by the city, but they are still considering all options. David then brought up Colfax and Lipan and said that intersection is in dire need of help, as pedestrians and cars seem to bottle neck there. Barb told the group that they already have a plan in place for that intersection and that work should begin there sometime in the early spring.

Due to time constraints, the group decided to finish up discussions at their next meeting.

5. **Adjournment:**

9:11am