Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2015
EVPA Office Conference Room 1068 9th Street Park
8:00 – 9:00 AM

Attendees:

Zsuzsa Balogh MSU Denver Representative - present
David Kottenstette MSU Denver Representative - present
Lincoln Phillips CCD Representative – present
Chris Holcom CCD Representative – present
Rafael Sanchez CU Denver Representative – present
Timberley Roane CU Denver Representative – present
Barb Weiske EVPA, Auraria Higher Education Center – present
Ariel deGruy Staff, Auraria Higher Education Center – present

1. Approval of Minutes:
   No minutes to approve

2. Introductions:
   The group went around the room and introduced themselves. There were a couple new members, Chris Holcom and Timberley Roane.

3. Confirmation of chair:
   David Kottenstette nominated Zsuzsa Balogh as the chair/board rep. Lincoln seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Semester Goals:
   The group discussed goals for the semester. They indicated that they would like to complete the Faculty Friends of Auraria Award project that they began work on last year. David Kottenstette asked if there was a timeline created last year and Barb Weiske said that she thought there was a timeline put together by Eric, and she thought they had decided to take one year to solicit the new award, get people excited about it, and get nominations, then they would award their first faculty member next year at the September Auraria Board of Directors meeting. Zsuzsa Balogh told the group that she would put together a final time frame document. She also asked how the winner would know to not purchase a parking pass if they received the award after the semester had already begun. Barb suggested that they could give the award at the May Board meeting instead and the faculty member would get their parking pass in July.
Zsuzsa asked the group if they had more goal ideas for the FACAB year and David brought up that they would like to take tours of the new buildings; not only to view the progress of the campus, but also so that they have the most up to date information on all campus resources. The group decided that instead of a regular meeting (or possibly two), they would take that time and tour the new facilities around campus.

Rafael Sanchez asked if the library was open 24 hour a day and Barb responded that the library has set hours. Those hours are extended slightly around finals time, but the library is not open 24 hours a day at any time during the year. She explained the reasons; both cost of staffing and the location of the building doesn’t lend itself to being open all night, particularly considering the fact that this is not a commuter campus.

David brought up another goal that he was interested in pursuing this year; the extended Auraria community and connecting with Downtown Denver. There is a desire to engage the campus with the community, but he believed there hasn’t been a plan put forth to do so. Barb explained that initiatives have been ongoing and told the group that she hopes with the opening of the Tivoli Quad, the Denver community will be a bigger part of Auraria life. She believes that engaging the bike paths will also help by connecting our routes to the Denver routes that already exist. She also told the group that the Denver Performing Arts Center has a plan for a physical adjustment and they plan to incorporate the campus more in the future. Some ideas that they have had so far have been cross-selling tickets, using both our facilities and their facilities in order to get people more familiar with what Auraria has to offer, and the use of the new Tivoli Quad, once completed.

Barb also told the group that they have been installing new crosswalks on Speer as a pilot project. They are wide, reflective, brick pattern cross walks and they hope that this project will also help connect Auraria with the Denver community. David suggested that they spend a whole meeting on the updates that are going on around campus, since there are so many, and also go over ideas about how to connect with the city. He would like to get more in depth on this topic and come up with ideas about how they can personally contribute or how they can encourage their respective institutions to contribute.

Rafael brought up the idea of a walking tour, at least through 9th Street Park. He shared with the group that he believed that 9th street is a place of historical value and he believes that people would like to see it and hear its history. Chris Holcom said that he is part of a committee that is currently working on a walking tour that would incorporate recorded messages with signs and plaques and around campus. Lincoln Phillips mentioned that there is also some historical information on the AHEC website under the “history” section. Timberley Roane said that the AHEC website isn’t very user friendly, but that she thinks it would be smart to have links on the website that maybe connected the master plan for each institution with the walking tours. David said that he thinks they should spend a larger amount of meeting time on this topic as well.
5. **Campus updates:**
The group had run out of time, but Barb had given some updates throughout the discussion. She will give further updates at a later meeting.

6. **Other:**
David told the group that he had been receiving complaints about the Faculty and Staff Club, across 9th Street Park. He said that the quality of both food and service had gone down. They are always very busy with students now, so it has been more difficult for faculty and staff to get lunches in a timely manner, which was one of the perks of the Faculty and Staff Club. Barb told the group that, unfortunately, AHEC does not run that facility, Vanilla Bean is contracted with them, but she would work on finding a contact person over there or someone who they can direct their complaints to.

7. **Adjournment:**
Meeting was adjourned at 9:15am