Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 1, 2018  
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
Rafael Sanchez  
CU Denver Representative
Timberley Roane  
CU Denver Representative (ABOD rep)
Barb Weiske  
CEO, Auraria Higher Education Center
Ariel Redell  
Auraria Higher Education Center

Absent:

1. **Approval of Minutes:**
   
   There were no minutes to approve.

2. **Welcome Back:**
   
   Barb welcomed the group back. There is a new MSU Denver representative, Mike Jacobs from the chemistry department. He was welcomed.

3. **Positions:**
   
   Barb explained that SACAB and FACAB are supposed to have reps from different institutions on the Auraria Board of Directors (ABOD). Somewhere in the past, the ABOD reps got aligned, so both reps were from the same institution. For the sake of not stacking the Board with members from only one institution, Barb requested that the FACAB ABOD rep this year come from CU Denver instead of MSU Denver. Timberley was able to take the ABOD position, but could not commit the time to also be FACAB chair. Bret from CCD agreed to chair FACAB this year.

   David announced to the group that he will be retiring soon and this will be his last year on the committee. He also told Mike a little bit about the history of FACAB and what to expect. Chris filled him in on some of the things the group did last year, including their fundraising ideas. They will keep that conversation going and think about other goals they would like to accomplish this year.
4. **Campus Updates:**

Barb gave the group some updates on things that are happening on and around campus. She showed some slides from a presentation about the Central Platte Valley/Auraria project and told the group about the scope. This will be a big redevelopment project close to campus that is expected to bring more vibrancy and energy to the area. They are calling the project the “River Mile”. Elitch Gardens will reportedly remain an amusement park for another 5 years or so, while they build around it. Eventually, it is slated to move to a different location.

The group asked about the floodplain as well as affordable housing. Barb said that the developers are taking the floodplain into account, and that at this point, they are not sure about what kind of affordable housing options will be offered in this new area, but they recognize that it is an important element.

Barb moved on to talk about Meow Wolf, the interactive art space that is being built under I-25 at Walnut. They have begun construction already. They are excited for this new, larger location. There might be some potential connection opportunities for the campus and for Auraria students.

Barb let the group know that the construction at Colfax and Lipan is completed. The crosswalks are much safer in that area now. She has been hearing positive feedback about the changes. David mentioned that the “beep” noise at that particular crosswalk isn’t working. The beeping helps blind students safely cross the road.

Next, Barb updated the group on the campus hardening project that has been going on. Auraria has been placing benches, bollards, boulders and planters around campus to keep vehicles out of the core of campus or in pedestrian areas. This project has both enhanced safety on campus and added aesthetically pleasing features around campus for everyone to enjoy.

Lastly, Barb let the group know that the campus is working on some contracts with a couple of the scooter companies. These contracts include campus rules, like parking scooters at bike racks and riding them in bike lanes only. This should roll out soon.

5. **Adjournment:**

9:00am