Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2014
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 – absent
- Joy Berrenberg: CU Denver Representative – absent
- Leo Bruederle: CU Denver Representative – present
- Barb Weiske: EVPA, Auraria Higher Education Center – present
- Ariel deGruy: Staff, Auraria Higher Education Center – present

1. **ABOD Report:**

   Eric Hamilton talked about the Auraria Board Meeting. He explained that they recognized him as well as the new SACAB member and gave them an opportunity to introduce themselves to the board. Hamilton then discussed the plans for Tivoli Park that were brought up during the ABOD meeting. The plans were included as part of the Annual Report booklet, along with plans for other parts of campus like the Library and Brewpub. Hamilton then talked about the “two way initiative” that was presented at the meeting by John Desmond of the Downtown Denver Partnership. This initiative would make one way streets in Denver into two way streets in order to create a friendlier way for drivers to get to retail stores, calmer traffic flow, and safer travel for pedestrians and cyclists.

   Barb Weiske mentioned that they would be focusing their attention on the Larimer and Lawrence intersection right now and moving on from there. Hamilton showed the hand out that John Desmond provided, identifying the streets that were first on the priority list. Leo Bruederle asked if the Downtown Denver Partnership was planning on building a bridge over a street in order to create a pedestrian pathway. Weiske responded that the only way to have an effective bridge is to create an interactive area with vendors and such, but that was not part of the current plan. David Kottenstette asked if they would take into consideration people with disabilities if a bridge was ever to be built. Weiske said that they had thought about that, and she mentioned how pricey elevators can be. She stated that there could be a longer, winding pathway that could work as an elevator alternative. Bruederle said that he has seen similar bridges work in other places. Weiske said that they would have to pay attention to the design and space limitations if they ever decided to take on this endeavor.
Hamilton continued giving his report on the Auraria Board Meeting, stating that everyone gave their individual reports, and each of the institutions talked about their enrollment numbers. CCD and MSU Denver are both slightly down in enrollment while CU Denver is up about 2%. Hamilton explained that towards the end of the meeting, Barb Weiske gave a presentation going over the Annual Report.

2. Goals for Upcoming Semester:
Hamilton suggested that one of the FACAB goals could tie into the Tivoli Park. He thought that it might be a good idea to put plaques or busts in the new Tivoli Park area. Hamilton mentioned that it could be something that might give information or history about each of the three institutions. Weiske said that they are currently working on something similar in the history department. It will be a walking tour with plaques – it will be something that ties in with the proposed new museum in the Tivoli. Weiske thought it might be a good idea to put an emphasis on the history of Auraria, not just the campus. David Kottenstette mentioned that the Student Success Building lined up their front path to mirror where homes had been when it was still a neighborhood. He stated how there are lots of little things around campus that people probably don’t know, but that were put together for a historical reason. A focus for the Park area could be a plaque specific about the institution’s histories.

Bruederle asked what is going to happen with the other half of the green space where the Tivoli Park is going. Weiske responded that CU Denver is taking over that area and that they are planning to create sports fields for their Club Sports Programs. Bruederle asked what phase one looked like for Tivoli Park and Weiske answered that the East Side Patio would get completed as part of phase one along with readying the natural turf and filling in the baseball diamond. Phase two will include roadways and lighting. Kottenstette asked if AHEC was planning on using native Colorado trees and Weiske replied that yes, they were definitely planning on using native trees. Kottenstette stated that they should reflect our climate and landscape. Weiske brought up that the Red Oaks (that are not native to Colorado) do not look very good and they also do don’t well where they were placed. They don’t thrive using well water or under concrete and grates. Weiske also included that fruitless pear trees seem to do very well in our climate. Hamilton mentioned that apple trees also do well here in Colorado. Kottenstette brought up the Getty museum and how the landscaping was done very well there. They chose trees that were indigenous to the climate and all of the landscaping swept into the building itself. It was smart of them to use the environment as it already exists in that area.

Eric Hamilton brought the group back to talking about the goals that FACAB wanted to proceed with for the upcoming year. One being possible plaques for each college in the new Tivoli Park area, and the other being a possible “Faculty of the Year” award, complete with a free parking pass. Hamilton asked the other present members if their institutions normally give out awards to faculty each year, and they replied that they do. Hamilton suggested that they could award one faculty member from each institution a free parking pass each year to recognize their outstanding work. Weiske said that this could be a good idea, but she wanted to ensure that the
awards would be streamlined and matching for each of the three schools. Each award would have to be for the same thing at each institution. Kottenstette brought up that each school does their awards differently, and asked which award would get this special parking bonus? He also asked if it would be faculty or staff awards. Hamilton suggested that faculty senate could decide. Weiske stated that she would like to see this idea relating to FACAB in some way. She asked how it could collectively represent all three institutions and questioned if they would create additional criteria, and that FACAB themselves would do the award. Weiske thought that the winner should be someone who has had a campus wide community impact in some way. Brüderle agreed, saying that the winner of this award should have some contribution to the campus as a whole. Hamilton suggested that it be an additional award category, instead of trying to tack this onto an award that is already given out. That way, FACAB could come up with the criteria for winning. Weiske mentioned that they could name it something different, something that indicates community. Brüderle said that he thought this would be a great project for the year. Hamilton pointed out that none of the FACAB member could be eligible for the award, as they will be the ones deciding on the winner. Brüderle brought up how hard it is to get a new award passed through the vetting process and that it would be a lot of work. Hamilton said that he thought it would be a good project for them, that FACAB would be responsible for coming up with the guidelines and criteria. Hamilton then asked the other two members present if they had anything that they would like to add to the list of goals for the year. Brüderle said that he liked the proposed goals, and he did not have anything else to add.

Kottenstette agreed, he didn’t have anything else to add to the goals list, but he did want to discuss wifi service on campus, because he had been hearing some complaints from faculty about it. He continued, saying that there should be some access to communication campus wide. Hamilton pointed out that CCD was on a network technology system with the other 12 community colleges. Weiske stated that there were some wifi “hot spots” on campus, and also that depending on your cell service provider, the connection could vary. Kottenstette said that he gets complaints from people in Central Classroom, saying they have no cell service, himself included. Kottenstette stated that all the institutions are heavily reliant on IT and the main communication was through technology. He asked if this is something that is worth FACAB looking into, and that the information that Hamilton had brought up about CCD being on a network with their other sister institutions was good insight. Hamilton said that decisions and changes made regarding wifi should be made by the individual institutions. Kottenstette said that students get frustrated when there is no service, because many of them rely on their computers and tablets for school work and text books. Hamilton suggested that FACAB try and meet with the IT director for AHEC and discuss details of the system. Weiske said that she would gladly invite an IT person to one of the next FACAB meetings to talk about the issue. Other considerations were discussed, including the cell coverage studies previously conducted and existing systems, etc. The IT representative will be able to highlight details.

Hamilton then asked if there were plans for the future to put in more cameras on campus, as a deterrent to vandalism. He believes that we should have as much security here as possible,
because this is a place of work. Weiske recognized that the cameras are really traffic management systems, but they have proven helpful in deterring negative activity.

3. Science Building Security Discussion:
Leo Bruederle brought up some security issues in the Science building. He stated that there has been furniture going missing, and doesn’t know if this is because students have moved it, or it has been broken, but there is quite a bit missing on the 2nd and 4th floors. Kottenstette stated that they have had furniture taken out of their common offices many times, and that he labels the furniture now so that he is able to find and retrieve the correct furnishings for particular rooms. Weiske stated that she would talk to Jeff about this situation. She mentioned that there were similar issues in Central and West Classroom, with people borrowing lounge furniture and moving it to their offices. Bruederle said that he thinks that the issue is just that the furniture is getting broken and not replaced, but he noted that the students are very respectful of the spaces and furniture. Bruederle stated that he would discuss the other security issues with Weiske after this meeting had adjourned.

4. Adjournment:
Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kottenstette seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01