Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 6,  
2017 1068 9th Street Park  
8:00 – 9:00 AM  

Attending:  
Vacant  
David Kottenstette  
Bret Hahnn  
Chris Holcom  
Barb Weiske  
Ariel Redell  

Absent:  
Rafael Sanchez  

1. Approval of Minutes:  
The minutes from the October 2, 2017 were reviewed. David moved to approve the minutes. Bret seconded. The motion carried unanimously.  

Chris brought up the loss of AHEC employee, Carlos Moreno, and gave his deepest condolences.  

2. ABOD Workshop Update:  
Chris told the group about the Auraria Board of Directors Workshop that took place on November 1st. He explained that there were presentations about the Central Platte Valley/Auraria District, the Denver Performing Arts Center and the 5280 Loop. All of these had some aspect of connectivity to the Auraria campus, which was the main focus of the Workshop.  

The representatives from the Central Platte Valley project talked about activating the river more and creating multi-use spaces for families in Denver as well as the redevelopment of the current Elitch Gardens property.  

The representative from the Denver Performing Arts Center gave an update on their plans to renovate some of their old buildings as well as new builds on their site. They want to have indoor/outdoor venue space, as well as updated performance space and a place for university classes to take place.
The representatives from the 5280 Loop talked about their project, which is essentially a trail system that connects and activates different downtown neighborhoods. The Loop will be about 5 miles long, and it will create a space for pedestrians and cyclists to transport around the city, as well as making it easier to get to “destinations” throughout the city. They hope to incorporate nature, art, and the Denver vibe throughout.

Barb then told the group about the GO bond, that, if voted in, will fund the replacement of the Larimer bridge. We have already taken over the bus lane on that bridge to create more pedestrian and bike space, but the replacement of the bridge will make that change final. It will extend the sidewalk and create a protected bike lane. Barb also told the group that the intersection at Colfax and Lipan should be underway soon.

The group all agreed that these projects will make traveling to and from campus more safe, as the Colfax intersection is especially dangerous.

3. **Goals:**

Chris asked the group what goals they have for this year. He asked if they were interested in continuing work with the library, and thought it would be helpful to have a FACAB representative on the tri-institutional library committee. The group agreed. Chris said that he would reach out to Cindy Hashert from the library and report back to the group.

Chris asked if the group had other ideas or goals for the year, and David responded that he would love to see more community engagement. People live far away from campus, and they just come down for their class or for work, and then head home. He wondered how we could spread the word about events and campus life to the surrounding communities. He was also hoping for a way for faculty and staff to find out more about what’s happening off campus and in the Denver community. Barb said that she would be happy to forward emails to FACAB regarding city initiatives, etc. to keep them in the loop.

Bret brought up affordable housing, and asked if FACAB can have influence on that in any way.

Timberley talked about student groups, especially cultural groups not having a real “home” on campus. There is no cultural center that really celebrates other cultures and people. She would like to start conversations about that, tri-institutionally. Bret mentioned that Clear Creek is an international center, and they just got a new director there.

The group will try and finalize some of their goals at the next FACAB meeting.

4. **Adjournment:**

9:07am