Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board  
Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2014  
EVPA Office Conference Room 1068 9th Street Park  
8:00 – 9:00 AM

Attendees:

- Eric Hamilton  CCD Representative – present
- Lincoln Phillips  CCD Representative – present
- David Kottenstette  MSU Denver Representative – absent
- Zsuzsa Balough  MSU Denver Representative – absent
- Joy Berrenberg  CU Denver Representative – present
- Leo Brueiderle  CU Denver Representative – present
- Barb Weiske  EVPA, Auraria Higher Education Center – present
- Ariel deGruy  Staff, Auraria Higher Education Center – present
- Tim Dudley  Guest, AHEC IT
- Carl Meese  Guest, AHEC Campus Planner

1. Approval of Minutes:

Joy Berrenberg moved to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2014, regular meeting of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board. Leo Brueiderle seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Guest: Tim Dudley:

Tim Dudley, the director of AHEC IT came to speak with the group about the wireless connections and internet services on campus. He explained that wireless is distributed to buildings that most need it, i.e. buildings that have the most activity and the most students. The campus networks, Tim explained, work a little differently. There are two options, one being the guest network, which is called “Auraria Campus” and anyone can log into this and use the internet. There are also private networks used for each of the three institutions. Within the past year, the two of the three schools have worked out a sharing system, where someone could connect through the CU Denver network even as an MSU Denver student, and hook into the MSU Denver network through the CU Denver network. CCD does not take part in this because they are linked up with the other community colleges. Eric Hamilton asked if anyone can get on CCD’s network, and Tim explained that only in the CCD buildings can people access that network.

Barb Weiske asked about the connection outdoors and Tim explained that no one is officially providing outdoor networks, but you can get a signal while close to buildings. Hamilton asked
about Tivoli Park and if there was going to be a network set up in that area. Weiske responded that wireless should be accessible from there.

Barb asked who people should contact if they are having issues in a particular building. Tim responded that people should contact their own IT department. All the IT departments from the institutions and AHEC work together. Tim talked about a study that was done to find out about cell service in the buildings, so that they could have a better idea about who would receive RAVE alerts. He provided hand outs showing the results of this study. All the main floors of the buildings have good enough service for people to receive the emergency alerts.

Tim talked about the distributed antenna system or DAZ that has been considered. This system would entail putting cellular antennas into each of the buildings. It would be a private network that would create better cell coverage and it would take a load off of our other wireless networks and reduce traffic. The IT department plans on meeting with the DAZ group this week. Lincoln Phillips asked about the contract time for something like this and Tim responded that this particular contract would run for 10 years. Tim said that he would email Barb once they had met and received more info about this process.

Carl Meese, Campus Planner was also present at this meeting. Eric asked if he would like to take the lead on a conversation about the Classroom Guidelines document FACAB had previously submitted to the facilities planning committee. Carl stated that he presented the document to the committee and they were very receptive. They only had a few edits that they wanted FACAB to consider. Carl said that one comment was about possibly adding thumb locks to the doors so that professors have the ability to lock it from the inside if necessary. This sparked a conversation about automatic locking doors. Barb brought up how expensive that can be $2,500-$5,000 per door. The next item that Carl brought up was about the viewing windows on the doors. The wording in the document was a little strange, so the facilities committee wanted clarification on where the window would go. Next, Carl talked about the classrooms that are larger than a capacity of 50. He said that the facilities committee asked about possibly adding amplified sound to those rooms. Lincoln was concerned about the echo that happens in some of the larger rooms. The group discussed the edits and Carl said that he would make the changes to the document and send it out to everyone.

3. Report from ABOD Workshop:

Eric requested that Barb go over some of the highlights from the Auraria Board of Directors workshop.

Barb stated that the board set goals for the upcoming year, some of which included the build out of the Tivoli Park area, working on a program plan for St. Cajetan’s, the King Center, and the Arts Building. Barb went on to say that the PE Events center was discussed, but that plans for
that will now depend on the CU Denver initiative to build their own wellness center. Eric mentioned that the board discussed this in length at the workshop. There was a suggestion to form a public/private partnership with a gym like 24 hour fitness. Barb went on to say that the feasibility study for the PE Events Center has been completed, but dependant on CU Denver, AHEC and the three institutions are not sure what the future of this building will look like. Joy Berrenberg asked why there was so much interest for CU Denver to build their own facility, she inquired about the state of the equipment. Barb responded that they have a long list of reasons, one of which is that CU Denver students feel they would like a space to call their own. Eric stated that the presidents from the other two institutions were worried about the cost of the building and they said they were not interested in contributing to a new facility because of the cost that would be footed by the students.

Barb gave some quick background on the CU Denver wellness center. She said that there has been a new emphasis on student life and campus identity at CU Denver. They recently expanded their Club Sports program and they don’t have room for all their new programming. The current PE Events center is too small. CU Denver students have been moved to the later practices and the current CU Denver student government is really pushing for their own facility. Lincoln was curious about the realistic cost of an endeavor like this and Joy thought the public/private idea was a good one to consider. Barb said that the current PE Events center needs lots of upgrades and based on the study that was just completed, it will be very expensive to make that a place that meets everyone’s needs. Joy asked about the upkeep costs of the Wellness Center, should it be built, and Barb responded that CU Denver would have to deal with that before they moved forward. There was discussion at the board retreat that the entire thing would be student fee funded. Leo mentioned that this is not surprising to him because lots of institutions are creating new wellness centers and adding to their programming in this way.

Barb continued with the last of the board goals for the year. She said that the board agreed to support the institutions with all of their upcoming goals like the Brewpub, the Movie Theaters, and the Conference Center. The board will continue working to connect Denver. Public Works is currently working on the Colfax and Lipan intersection, and will work on Speer and Larimer in the future as well. Eric told the committee that Barb’s contract had also been extended. The group congratulated Barb.

Lincoln asked where the site for the new MSU Denver Engineering building was. Barb responded that it will be at 7th and Auraria Pkway. Carl Meese added that half of the Dogwood lot would be used for that building. Eric asked if anyone had questions. No questions were asked.

4. **Goal Finalization and Processes:**

Eric asked the committee how they felt about setting goals for the year. He suggested the plaques in the new Tivoli Park and the additional faculty/staff award at the last meeting. Eric asked if anyone else had any ideas that they wanted to share or if the items that he suggested
would be interesting to the group and if they would want to take those on. Joy said that last year they talked about putting up some sort of signage around campus with what’s going on that day, events that are happening around campus and the like. Joy said that she thinks that getting students more involved would generate a sense of campus loyalty. Eric brought up the monitors that CCD put into their new building, and added to Cherry Creek, and mentioned that these notice boards could be something similar. Barb liked the initiative, stating that they wouldn’t be able to put those types of message boards in the neighborhood buildings, but it might be a possibility elsewhere. Joy said that it could even be something low tech, like sandwich boards around campus, alerting people of the current and upcoming events. Eric expressed his reservations about using the current LED boards, because they are already in high demand. Lincoln suggested that this initiative begin in shared spaces and then see what the three institutions think of it, and see if it’s something they would be interested in investing in, in their own buildings. Barb said that she would get feedback from marketing and get more info about this topic and bring it back to the group.

Joy also brought up adding signage to the Speer and Colfax intersections so that we could draw in Denver and the community. The committee liked the idea.

Eric summed up the goals list. He said that for the awards, the group will have to come up with a name and guidelines /criteria and asked that the group come prepared with ideas next meeting. Leo asked if the meeting times were going to remain the same next semester, and the group responded that this time works for them. Eric asked if anyone had last minute questions. There were none.

5. Adjournment:
   Eric Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lincoln Phillips seconded.

   The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18