QUICK UPDATES FROM CU DENVER SGA

Questions or Ideas? Email us at sga@ucdenver.edu

CU Denver Sentry

The CU Denver Sentry, formerly known as the UCD Advocate is CU Denver’s only student produced newspaper that works to spread news that affects the student body of the University of Colorado Denver. Unlike current university news outlets, the CU Sentry makes it a point to ensure that their stories are all relevant to students and only students. They do this through a weekly print edition that not only includes news but also reviews of local artists, restaurants, and opportunities for students. If students want to read the stories for the CU Sentry they may also access their webpage at www.ucdadvocate.com or even on social media by searching the CU Sentry and twitter @cu_sentry.

Smoking on Campus

The new smoking policy is well underway on the Auraria Campus. This policy includes the use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and electronic vaping devices. The use of these devices is only permitted in the designated smoking zones. Since the policy is quite new, in order to encourage everyone to use these smoking zones, SACAB members will go out once a month with Starbucks gift cards for smokers who are using the smoking zones. The transition to everyone using the smoking zones will take time; however, everyone can do their part to be good neighbors by educating others and themselves on the policy. Learn more at http://www.ahec.edu/about-auraria-campus/smoking-on-campus/
Parking

Senator from Legislation and Outreach from the CU Denver Student Government Association (SGA) addresses the issue of parking and the parking rates on campus. With the help of the SACAB representatives from SGA, it was clarified that the parking rates are determined by the proximity of the parking lots to the center of the campus. Thus, the parking lots closer to Tivoli, Library, King Center, etc. have higher rates than the parking lots farther away. All three institutions share the center of the campus. Also, the money gained from these rates feed back into maintaining the parking lots as well as building new parking garages.

Another concern from students is that the parking lot next to Student Common building will be removed when the Wellness Center get built. In the ten-year plan created by Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC), the plan included adding in meters parking around the Tivoli Park. Through this, most of the parking spots lost from the parking lot will be replaced by meter parking.

Gender-Neutral Bathrooms

Senator from the Legislative and Outreach committee from CU Denver Student Government Association addresses the issue of gender-neutral bathrooms on the Auraria campus. This initiative started during the school year of 2014-2015, and it was continued through this school year of 2015-2016. Students were concerned with whether there were any gender-neutral bathrooms on campus as well as where they are located. With the help of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transexual Student Services (GLBTSS) and Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC), the location of all of the available gender-neutral bathrooms are listed out on the GLBTSS website. This year, the focus was on getting that list of bathrooms to be more visible for the students. Therefore, AHEC helped create a map specifically for the gender-
neutral bathrooms located through campus, and it is now posted on their website along with other maps of campus. Along with these existing bathrooms, any future buildings will be ensured to have at least one gender-neutral bathrooms to help serve the needs of the students.

http://www.ahec.edu/files/general/Gender-Inclusive_Map.pdf

Library Renovations

Your SGA talked with the Auraria Library Administration Services about your concerns with ongoing library renovations. Library renovations are proceeding on schedule. Planned renovations are expected to finish in December 2016.

The library’s wifi is the best of the renovations happening right now; it’s being upgraded from 1GB to 10GB with extra access points. This will be finished before the fall semester. The West Side Entrance is under construction and will soon have a similar look to the new Lawrence Street entrance. An updated collaborative classroom and courtyard with public art is also being built.

There are two things which require your help and feedback. First, the library renovations team needs your suggestions. They are open to ideas to mitigate noise during construction, and want to hear you other concerns as well. Second, there are extended library hours in May for finals. If you want extended hours for future finals weeks, vote by showing up for extended hours this time!

Finals Hours: http://library.auraria.edu/hours

Suggestions on noise mitigation & all library ideas: tellus@auraria.edu (or click the green “Tell Us” button on the main library site, http://library.auraria.edu/)

Stay updated on Library Renovations:
http://libnews.auraria.edu/renovations/phases
Campus Safety

Many students expressed concerns about being on campus after dark. If that’s you, there are some concrete steps you can take to stay safe.

AfterDark Shuttle Service
If you are on campus after dark, the Night Rider shuttle service exists to take you safely to your vehicle. Call them at (303) 556-2001 and you’ll be picked up by an Auraria Police officer or a P & T Services certified escort in a marked vehicle. Check out their service stops & learn more here: [http://www.ahec.edu/files/general/NightRider_Map.pdf](http://www.ahec.edu/files/general/NightRider_Map.pdf)

Auraria Police
On Auraria Campus, the Auraria Police Department response time is exponentially faster than Denver Police. They also have a text-a-tip line for moments when a voice call may put you in danger. Please put both numbers in your favorite contacts, & remember to use them.

Auraria Police Text-a-Tip: (720) 593-8477
Auraria Police Emergency Number: (303) 556-5000

Active Shooter Video
CU-Denver students and the APD recently teamed up to film an Active Shooter Response film. If you’ve any questions about what can happen in these situations, and how you should respond, check out this film which debuted on Wednesday April 13th at CU-Denver Preparathon!
Microwaves On Campus:

Thanks to Community Engagement for locating all of the microwaves on campus that can be used by students. Make sure to clean up after yourselves! Here are the locations:

Food Resources on Auraria Campus
Prepared by University of Colorado Denver Community Engagement

Please note: This is a tentative list, keep in mind this might change.

Last updated on: September 24th 2015

Tivoli Student Union:
- Utensils (Food Court)
- Microwave (Tivoli 127, Food Pantry)

King Center:
- Microwave (Lower level)
- Utensils (Near microwave)

Auraria Library
- Microwave

North Classroom (UCD)
- Microwave(s) (Near snack machines) Various floors, Utensils.

Confluence Building (CCD)
- Microwaves (Various areas)

Cherry Creek (CCD)
- Microwaves (Lobby)

CU Denver Student Commons Building
- Utensils (Qdoba)
- Microwaves in select offices (TRiO, EOP)

CU Denver Business School
- Microwaves (Second and third floors)

Food Choices around Campus:
- Biscuits and Berries
- McDonald’s Express
- Starbucks
- Taco Bell
- Alfresco Greens
- Subway
- Dazbog’s Coffee
Campus Wi-Fi:

After speaking with Associate Vice Chancellor for the Office of Information Technology Russell Poole, he has informed us that the CU Denver Wi-Fi network is being worked on and that all students receive the update emails regarding how they are working to improve the Wi-Fi and when they have scheduled service windows.

Student Computer Lab:

The Student Government Association has passed a resolution to collaborate with Administration to open at least one student computer lab at 7:00 a.m. on the first floor of the North Classroom building. Students need to have increased access to educational resources on campus. This especially is aimed to help students that have 8:00 A.M. classes can work on and print assignments before their class starts.

Peer Advisors:

The Peer Advocate Leaders (PAL) program promotes leadership for all students by matching undergraduate student leaders with first year or continuing students. The mentoring relationship is designed to foster student engagement and academic success by providing peer-level support that fosters student achievement, growth, and learning throughout students’ academic career at the University of Colorado Denver. PALs are available to talk to by appointment or walk-in in Tivoli 127. Come check us out!

Transfer Students:

As part of the PAL program, the Transfer Student Outreach Committee is working hard to develop better ways to reach out to perspective and current transfer students. We want to make the transition to CU Denver as smooth as possible by gaining knowledge about campus resources and using the PALs as a helping hand along the journey through college. We are currently working on implementing a transfer student mentor program.
Veteran Students on Campus

CU Denver Student Government Association (SGA) has visited with the Veteran Student Organization Vice Chair and has told us that they recently updated their constitution to be more aggressive about their outreach to Veterans on campus. Veterans are a single digit percentage on campus, most transfers from community colleges, and don’t develop a close feeling to the University. The current Veteran Student Services office has a study area, informal English paper writing help, and tutoring tailored to veterans. But some of their demands from administration is to be more supportive to vets to finish school, some have great struggle staying focused.

What Veterans want from SGA and administration is something to make physical respect on campus, such as plaques, or statues. They hope to see mental health support in the new Wellness center, having a Veteran representative in the bursar’s, and financial aid office to empathize their situations better there. Veterans also want SGA to come meet them, hang out, and build relationships informally. They want SGA to open their scope to veteran students and consider them when we pass budgets.

CVA

As of recent, CU Denver has purchased the Campus Village Apartments (CVA) for our ownership. This opens the door to many possibilities. Now without the need to share CVA with the other two schools on campus, we can specifically engage school spirit on our housing. This school spirit can be engaged with more decorations around the CVA, host more CU specific events there, etc. This is the opportunity for us to rebuild our student-housing atmosphere.

Also in more substance, the Auraria campus has been starting to notice the increase of student homelessness on campus. This issue is hard to address, but hopefully now with the ownership of CVA, it is possible to start thinking about emergency housing for CU Denver students. Also, the students desire their democracy of deciding the renaming of CVA, having a campus wide vote to decide the name. Students also would like a bus that takes students from CVA to campus, similar to the bus provided from Auraria Lofts.