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Student & Faculty Voting Rights on the Auraria Board



Background

Founded in 1976, the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) was created by state law, and is charged with planning and managing the land and facilities that house the three schools, alongside "facilitating cooperation among the constituent institutions, [and] their governing boards."

CO Rev Stat § 23-70-101 (2024)



What does AHEC do?

"Plan, construct, own, lease, dispose of, acquire, operate, maintain, and manage the physical plant, facilities, buildings, and grounds of the Auraria Campus..."

Oversees:

- Parking
- Daycare
- Tivoli
- Bookstore

- Food Court
- Shared Conference Spaces
- Auraria Police Department
- General Maintenance & Events











Auraria Board

9 Voting Members

- 3 appointed by the Governor of Colorado.
- The 3 Presidents or Chancellors of the schools
- 3 appointed respectively by the CU Board of Regents; the Board of Trustees for MSU; and the State Board of Community Colleges.

2 Non-Voting Members

- 1 member from SACAB
- 1 member from FACAB



SACAB & FACAB



"(I) An advisory committee of six members who are full-time students shall be elected, two from each of the student bodies of each of the three institutions governed by the Auraria board, and it shall elect one of its members to fill one office on the Auraria board to serve for one term beginning July 1."

Voting vs Non-Voting



- Exclusion from parts of meetings
- Lack of full transparency
- Inability to have a real say in campus governance

Other Challenges

 Excludes out of state, international, and immigrant students from ABOD, requiring
 3 years of Colorado residency to serve

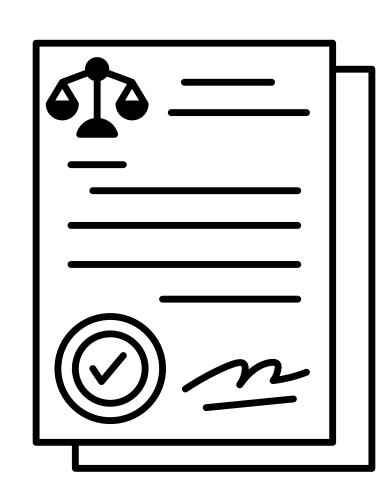
Excludes part time students

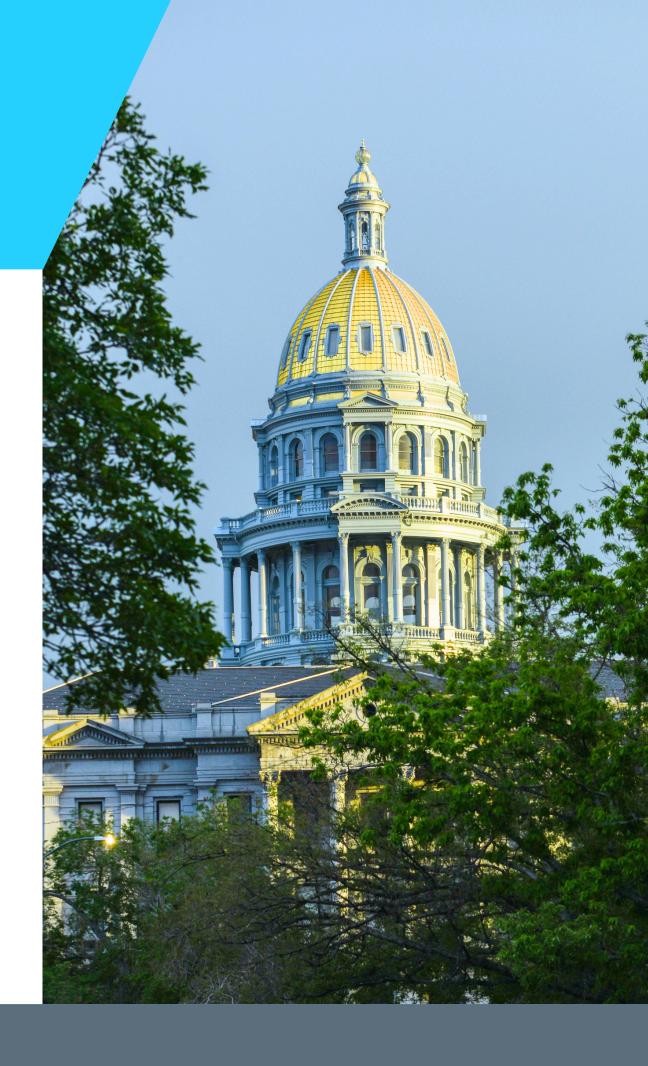
• Limits committees to 6 members



Student & Faculty Vote

Because the Auraria
Board, SACAB, and
FACAB are created by
state law, we need to
pass a new law to make
these changes





How to Make Change

In order to make this change, we'll need a bold, student-led advocacy campaign:

- Elevate student voices
- Build student leadership
- Connect students & lawmakers



Support the Campaign!

Vote YES on the Senate Resolution of support

Spread the word with your friends & classmates

Join our virtual policy committee - Mondays, 2-2:30pm

Write a statement about why student voice matters to you

Volunteer with us - writers and designers especially

Thank You