

Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 11, 2021
Zoom
8:00 – 9:00 AM

Attending:

Karey James	CCD Representative
Bret Hann	CCD Representative
Mike Jacobs	MSU Denver Representative (chair)
Zsuzsa Balogh	MSU Denver Representative
Jaedo Park	CU Denver Representative
Timberley Roane	CU Denver Representative
Colleen Walker	CEO, Auraria Higher Education Center
Mary Kate Kenney	Staff, Auraria Higher Education Center

Approval of December minutes: Karey James motioned, and Bret Hann seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

- **Spring 2021 Updates**
Each institution indicated no change in their status for spring 2021.
- **Auraria Campus COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Updates**
Colleen shared that she has a meeting this week with Auraria Executives Council to develop a plan for vaccinations on campus. Colleen noted that we have draft guidance from governor's office, but that it doesn't include higher education as essential personnel in the 1B category. Colleen will be calling Angie Paccione, Director of CDHE, to learn more and to find out how to advocate for this addition, noting that a huge segment of society that is missing. Colleen recognized that K-12 is a number one priority, to return to normalcy for our youngest people, but that to restart college campuses in any sincere way, faculty and staff have to have the vaccinations.

Colleen shared that Steve Monaco, working with each institution's executive team, is finalizing a partnership agreement this week with COVID Check Colorado (CCC), one of the main distribution companies, who will be providing mass distribution on our campus via nurses and medical staff. Colleen noted that the Auraria Campus will definitely be a designated site, and that we are a POD, or point of distribution. Colleen shared that the original thinking included full

campus vaccination, over 42,000 students, faculty and staff, but that we might become a POD+ or POD ++. That means vaccinations for campus members + their family members + community members.

Colleen shared that the team is currently working on logistics, and that the distribution will likely happen in the 5th Street Garage with Elm Lot as a rest site for after receiving. CCC thinks they'll need space on campus through November, and we're working with them on how to vaccinate upwards of 3,000 per day. Colleen may come back and ask for a letter from FACAB that could be sent to state legislators lobbying for the inclusion of higher education.

Questions/Comments:

Karey James is friends with someone involved in CCC, John Emerson, and shared that their process is easy.

Zsuzsa Balogh asked if the letter could wrap in the inclusion of family members.

Bret Hann asked if there is any public record for how groups are being prioritized in Colorado. Colleen said not public record per say, but a draft. Colleen can send around to the group. Bret asked if they had spoken to the board yet, and Colleen shared that the board is our next step to help connect.

Michael Jacobs asked about CCC. Colleen shared that they are one of the approved distribution companies, but that she doesn't know if they'll be included in the letter. Michael asked what they are able to report out to their respective institutions, and whether they are allowed to share that a letter is being drafted by the Governor and that K-12 and higher ed aren't exclusively included, and that CCC is going to be a partner on campus. Michael also asked when Colleen would like a letter written for the governor. Colleen shared that Thursday would be ideal. Michael volunteered to start drafting a letter, and Bret offered to help edit.

Colleen noted that availability plays a large part; supply, distribution, and prioritization. Fear is that if educators aren't explicitly called out, waiting until late summer puts fall on shaky standing.

- **Key and Building Access**

Michael shared that he has received a lot of complaints/heard a lot of complaints from essential faculty who couldn't get into the building, or whose key cards were cut off. Ultimately, it came down to them needing new cards. The employees tried to get new cards, but the process was difficult and they were asked to wait a week. The professors had to contact AHEC/ACPD to let them into the buildings to pick up necessary instruments needed to maintain. Michael noted that he doesn't think key cards are fully accessed to what they need to get to.

Bret understands that office administrator is supposed to be watching lists and updating with access control. Colleen will also speak to access control and Chantel Richardson. Colleen explained that Chantel can't activate without approval from the institutions, and those

processes did get more stringent during the campus “shut down.” Bret commented that Chantel is incredible, and contacting her always gets it done.

Michael also heard that contractors were caught leaving doors open within buildings, and that he received an email from Mark Picorney and Emily Sanders. Homeless and vagrants have been found sleeping and washing in some of the bathrooms. Michael noted that this seemed to be contractors leaving doors propped and unlocked/open. Colleen will definitely talk to facilities. Colleen told the group that any time they see a propped open door, they should definitely call ACPD dispatch right away.

Bret asked if procedures to attend campus have remained the same. Colleen said yes, and included a reminder to visibly wear badges. CU Denver still has physical check in stations. Colleen will send a note around, as she now believes buildings are back to non-holiday hours.

- **CU Denver Disabilities Committee Findings | North Classroom building updates**

Timberley Roane shared that last fall, the CU Denver Disabilities Committee put out a climate survey, specifically regarding issues with North Classroom. Colleen Donnelly, Chair of the CU Denver Faculty Assembly Disabilities Committee, has worked with CU Denver on wall color and other punch list items. Everything meets ADA requirements for vision, but complaints were that depth perception change and are difficult in those spaces, and that students are having a harder time navigating the atrium space during class changes when the space is packed. Timberley shared that a lighting expert came in, probably eight individuals who came to the table. List of things that will be done (now there is a budget issue) include black panels for the stairwells (paint over metal grates to match colors in the hallways) and changing carpet to a lighter color to provide a tracking and break up some of the gray. The carpet is relatively new, and they don't want to change it yet, but need better contrast between flooring and carpet. A strip near entrance will be added to indicate to visually impaired students that there is an entrance. Thinking about changing the atrium side of the corridor entrances, painting those with colors of the hallways. List of four bullet points that were approved, including Glenda Buscarello, one of CU Denver's visual specialists from the medical school. End of last week, suddenly a discussion about budget. CU Denver is in compliance, but what's been chosen hasn't been working for all individuals.

Colleen shared that the AHEC team executed on snow removal patterns and stickers to doors. Mary Kate will send photos of the stickers around to the team. Timberley expressed her appreciation for AHEC's response.

- **Other / Public Comment**