Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, June 1, 2020  
1068 9th Street Park  
8:00 – 9:00 AM

Attending:

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

Agenda Items:

- **ABOD Report**
  Bret gave a quick review of the ABOD meeting. He shared that it was the last meeting for the FACAB rep, SACAB rep, and Dr. Dorothy Horrell, as she is retiring at the end of June. Dr. Michelle Marks, the new CU Denver Chancellor was in attendance.

  The Board also discussed a review of the ACPD policies and possibly creating a community review board to work with the Auraria Police. Bret shared some of the Safe Return plans that have come out of the SRA Planning Committee. The group has produced DRAFT reports and will soon move into the implementation phase.

  The Sustainable Campus Program gave a presentation on Green House Gas Inventory and the Climate Action Plan. More to come from that group soon.

  The AHEC budget and the state controlled maintenance plan were both approved.

  Colleen shared that the federal government is handcuffing the CARES money, but folks are trying to get more flexibility. AHEC is down $6.1M and over the summer will be down about $4M. In fall, down an addition $5-$10M.
Timberley has been virtually listening into the ABOD meetings. Thanks for the hard work. All can join and listen to ABOD if they desire.

Both Timberley and Bret noted that many people don’t understand AHEC. Bret confirmed that CARES money cannot go directly to AHEC.

- **SRA Planning Committee**
  Bret shared that the SRA has been busy at work. There are so many complexities to re-opening campus safely. Bret has been sitting on one of the SRA subcommittees (Health and Medical).
  Colleen shared that the Safe Return Planning Committee has been broken into two subcommittees, Facilities & Operations and Health & Medical. She showed the group the Guiding Document for the SRA and explained the top 6 priorities for each subcommittee.

  Bret noted that some of these priorities are actually very integrated and complex (for example, cleaning protocols). Karey asked about security/enforcement on campus and if there is a plan. Keeping people from attacking others for not wearing masks, etc. Have those conversations started to happen? Bret noted that in the subcommittees, questions have come up about faculty helping with mask monitoring in classrooms. There are a lot of sticking points. Cultural change for everyone.

  Karey asked about filtration systems in buildings, since some windows do not open. Colleen shared that the HVAC systems do have some settings that can be changed to draw in more fresh air. Timberley told the group that she is holding “COVID hour” meetings weekly. Many universities are hiring industrial engineers. Do we have someone on staff for Auraria to help with that? Colleen shared that we have an HVAC team and Emily Sanders, who is our health and safety expert. Air flow and circulation are important. AC units can pull up air and recirculate – folks getting sick underneath air vents. Cough studies – use cameras and show an average person sneezing (even with a mask on) and shows how far those particles travel. Particulates a stay in the air for hours and travel 12-20 feet.

  Colleen noted that the two SRA subcommittees have to work closely together because so much of their work overlaps. Timberley shared that the latest science shows that when folks wear masks, they have to speak louder, which can cause particulates to travel further, plus masks that don’t fit correctly or people messing with them. Lots of new habits to work on.

  Steve Monaco (Health Center Director) has been wearing a face shield instead of masks lately, which allows people to still see your mouth. Colleen asked if FACAB has thought about masks in their classrooms for teaching. Karey said that in faculty council there is a split. Some faculty do not want to teach in person and others do. Strong feelings both ways. Face shield a good option
Karey also asked about classes going outside and holding their classes in a shady spot outdoors.

Between 25-40% of folks back on campus for fall is the goal. Discussions around changing dates for starting and ending semesters (so students wouldn’t come back after Thanksgiving). Timberley will share a study regarding the spread of the virus done by UCLA (Spread of COVID in UCLA Classrooms).

Colleen wanted to get the faculty opinion on the enforcement issue. It will be a cultural shift – personal responsibility and accountability. How does faculty feel about technology enabled checking of an app or something like that during class times? Karey shared that she is conscious about students paying for a classes and wanting to attend no matter if they are sick or not. Bret brought up the attendance policy shift that would be necessary. If folks are sick, professors will now have to work those students while they are out for two weeks, etc. There are lots of considerations. Timberley noted that given some of the recent issues with folks getting assaulted for having a mask or not having a mask. Campus security gets stretched. Bret noted the group should also consider how much time will faculty be spending correcting these types of disruptions. Treat it like any classroom disruption (code of conduct). Karey noted that having clear expectations from the start will help. One set, clear message that everyone has. Training will be key. Colleen noted that there is hope for social peer pressure to wear masks as well.

Karey – each of the classes needs to be identified online if they are going to be in person or not, so that students can make decisions about that ahead of time. For registration, should have some consistent messaging to students to make sure that they can select online. Bret noted that every faculty should be ready for going remote no matter what. If students or faculty get sick, the class will have to be remote for at least two weeks. Everyone needs to be flexible.

Timberley – CU Denver – even if your class is considered essential and it’s going to be on campus, you have to offer a virtual option. Either you are all remote, or you have a remote option. Equity issues and inclusiveness. Have to plan for that, regardless.

Colleen shared that the AEC will review a draft of the SRA report this week, and then there will be a big implementation phase. Timberley offered to act as a resource if needed.

- **Elect 20-21 FACAB Chair/ABOD rep (MSU Denver)**
  Bret will reach out to Michael about possibly chairing the committee in the upcoming year.