

Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
Meeting Agenda
12/8/2025
1:30pm to 3:00pm

In Attendance

Mike Jacobs	MSU Denver Representative
Zsuzsa Balogh	MSU Denver Representative
Adam Glick	CCD Representative
Mark Broyles	CCD Representative
Katy Divittorio	CU Denver Representative
Diana White	CU Denver Representative
Lulu Lantzy	Staff, Auraria Campus
Sandra Zuniga	Staff, Auraria Campus
Skip Spear	Staff, Auraria Campus
Erin Burke	Auraria Sustainability
Rylee McCone	Auraria Sustainability
Samantha Pettus	CU Denver
Cassy Cadwallader	Auraria Sustainability
Sharon Lorince	Staff, MSU Denver

Agenda Items:

The meeting began at 1:38 pm

Sustainability (Auraria Sustainability team members)

Erin provided an overview of the Auraria Sustainable Campus Program (ASCP), noting its mission of *global impact through local action*. ASCP is a campus-wide, student-fee-funded program (about \$10 per student per semester) supporting all three institutions. Current initiatives include the Climate Action Plan, vendor and event policies, heating and cooling standards, the UTL freezer subsidy program, H2R programs, campus composting, and solar arrays, the largest in downtown

Denver. Opportunities for involvement include the Faculty and Staff Coalition, Leadership in Sustainability Badge and Certificate Program, Green Labs Program and Sustainable Labs Committee, Green Events Program, class partnerships, guest lectures, and internships and volunteer roles. Most ASCP staff are undergraduate and graduate students.

Erin also discussed ongoing challenges with furniture disposal. CU Denver has a process, but most items still go to the landfill after chemical wipe-downs, even when in usable condition. She learned from AHEC that a pre-COVID surplus program was discontinued, which Sharon clarified was due to a statewide decision. A virtual furniture swap exists for items under \$5,000 (Teams for CU Denver, SharePoint for MSU Denver), but it is underutilized, resulting in valuable items being discarded. Erin suggested creating a unified, campus-wide virtual swap for all three institutions to reduce waste.

Adam said CCD may not have a furniture swap and offered to contact their facilities team. Sharon noted that such programs are difficult to manage. Diana asked about legal or policy limits on giving items to the public or allowing faculty to take them home, and Adam asked whether relevant policy language exists. Samantha will research CU policies, noting unclear rules for non-capital items under \$5,000 and restrictions on removing lab equipment. Rylee added that cross-institution exchanges face territorial and administrative barriers, and while a unified system would be ideal, interest and logistics must first be addressed.

Katy thanked ASCP for the presentation and will share it with the facilities manager. Adam asked if ASCP could present to faculty councils, and ASCP agreed.

Furniture Swap Program:

MSU Denver's link:

<https://msudenver.sharepoint.com/sites/FurnitureExchange?CT=1662046209732&OR=OWA-NT&CID=aea401ff-dd4b-9bd4-53ff-78fa91ac7914>

Voting Rights update

Adam shared that FACAB is not on the December ABOD agenda because of the ongoing KPMG study, which includes a governance component. Adam has met with several individuals, including CU Regent Elliott Hood, who had previously expressed support but is now hesitant due to the study and its timing. The original intent was for ABOD to vote on supporting the legislation; however, board members are now concerned about moving forward before the KPMG study clarifies potential recommendations, expected in late January.

Adam and Diana expressed concern that KPMG may not be receiving a full perspective from FACAB and SACAB, as the institutions selected the focus group participants. They noted that ABOD members received a request this morning for availability for a special mid-January meeting with KPMG to provide input on campus governance and potential changes. The goal is to better align efforts among FACAB, SACAB, and the Auraria Board—particularly given that FACAB already has a bill sponsor and legislative meetings scheduled. Skip shared that he advised KPMG to meet directly with FACAB and SACAB regarding governance, though KPMG has not yet met with FACAB as a group as of this meeting.

The group felt that KPMG has made limited progress on TABOR and governance recommendations. The current recommendations seem vague and lack implementation details. Given the cost of the contract (\$700,000), there was expressed concern that KPMG appears unprepared for the complexities of the Auraria Campus. Diana re-emphasized that it would be beneficial for at least Adam, Diana, and Jared to meet directly with KPMG, and Skip confirmed that KPMG is aware of this request.

Adam reported receiving an updated draft from the bill writers and noted that the bill sponsor, the chair of the Education Committee, supports the effort and is prepared to introduce the legislation. A meeting is also scheduled with the chair of the Joint Budget Committee, who sponsored last year's Auraria bill and may see overlap with this initiative.

Mark thanked Adam, Skip, and Diana for their work, and Adam added that Jared from SACAB has also been instrumental.

ABOD meeting agenda review (Adam)

Adam shared that he distributed the ABOD files to the group on Thursday and noted that AHEC is now using a new platform to share ABOD materials, consolidating all documents into a single file rather than multiple attachments. He also provided board updates: Kate Barton, a gubernatorial appointee and current chair, is stepping down and will be replaced by another gubernatorial appointee, Kara Powell. In addition, Yolanda Ortega (CCCS) will replace Landon Mascarenaz; she has previously served on ABOD.

Diana noted that she, Adam, and Jared plan to arrive early for the December ABOD meeting to introduce themselves to the new board member. She added that ongoing board turnover continues to present challenges.

Approval of Nov 17th, 2025 minutes

Adam Glick asked for a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as presented. Mike Jacobs motioned; Zsuzsa Balogh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tivoli Reimagined and IPG update

Diana reminded the group that town halls are planned for the last week of January. She noted that the timing is not ideal but was the only available option. There are no concerns with the program plan; the sketches are strong and could revitalize parts of campus, particularly on the Larimer side. She encouraged seeking broader input beyond the faculty and students currently involved. Adam

shared screenshots from the Tivoli Reimagined presentation, emphasizing that these concepts are preliminary and not expected to move forward soon.

Diana said they are still determining appropriate representation on the committee, noting that Mark had been viewed as serving as both the FACAB and CCD representative. She raised the question of whether someone else should formally fill the FACAB role. Mark expressed ongoing frustration that institutional priorities often dominate committee discussions and stressed the need for a campus-wide perspective. He noted that members have been assigned homework to review a final draft of the IPG structure and should share it with their faculty for feedback. He will distribute the document, and Carl Meese is the point of contact. Adam suggested this be discussed further at the next meeting.

Diana reported that, per the revised bylaws, representative appointments should have been finalized by the second fall meeting. Mike and Zsuzsa will serve as next year's representatives, and Mark and Zsuzsa will coordinate to determine who will chair next year.

Other

Mike shared ongoing faculty concerns related to parking and more feedback about the Campus Safety Center. He will research the issue further and gather specifics for the next meeting.

Lulu reviewed the 2026 FACAB meeting schedule, reminding the group that the next meeting is scheduled for January 26, immediately before the board meeting on January 28. She thanked everyone for their work this year and wished the group a happy holiday season.

Adjourn

The meeting ended at 3:00 pm

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