

Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
Monday 9/21/2026
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Mike Jacobs	MSU Denver Representative
Alex Boodrookas	MSU Denver Representative
Adam Glick	CCD Representative
Katy Divittorio	CU Denver Representative
Diana White	CU Denver Representative
Colleen Walker	CEO, Auraria Campus
Lulu Lantzy	Staff, Auraria Campus
Sandra Zuniga	Staff, Auraria Campus

AHEC 101: CEO Colleen Walker

Colleen Walker provided campus updates, starting with a brief history of her time on campus, from the challenges experienced during COVID-19 to AHEC's role in managing the behind-the-scenes logistics of campus operations. She also highlighted AHEC's efforts to secure campus resources, raising \$152 million over the past seven years. The capital construction process requires competing with other higher education institutions, state buildings, state hospitals, and History Colorado. Securing a project typically involves two to three years of lobbying, followed by another two to three years of implementation.

As requested, Colleen reviewed committees and their purposes. Adam Glick asked which committees would benefit from faculty representation. Colleen offered to bring the question to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) for input. Adam added that faculty representation could create opportunities for new members to become involved. Diana White asked about faculty involvement with the Displaced Aurarian Committee, including whether a history professor had served

on it. Lulu shared that the committee charter selects the members, though the community frequently interacts with faculty and students. Professors from CU Denver and CCD have been part of projects with their class. MSU Denver contributed fundraising expertise to the Peace & Healing Garden.

Diana also asked whether one FACAB representative from each institution could attend ABOD preparation meetings. Colleen agreed to discuss the proposal with SLT, noting that representatives could not participate in executive sessions. Adam cited confidential matters, such as Colleen's performance review, as examples of topics that would remain restricted. Colleen encouraged faculty to share concerns or misinformation with her or the AHEC team, emphasizing their role as board ambassadors in ensuring accurate information is communicated. Diana clarified that she wanted to represent her own perspective and the faculty, rather than speak on behalf of institutional leadership or administration.

The group discussed having SLT members continuing to join FACAB meetings, Colleen is happy to join topic-specific meetings.

Approval of previous minutes

Adam Glick asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Jacobs motioned; Diana White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FACAB goals for the year

The group discussed goals for the upcoming year, building on last year's efforts of securing voting rights, and meaningfully participating in committees. Diana White noted a communication gap between AHEC and faculty and suggested finding better ways to share campus updates. CU Denver Faculty Assembly is launching a newsletter that AHEC could contribute to, and the group discussed sending an annual newsletter to department chairs summarizing the year's work. Mike Jacobs emphasized the need for more communication from parking and

suggested posting contact information on malfunctioning parking meters so users know how to reach the parking team.

Katy Divittorio proposed adding a standing agenda item for updates from each institution. The group also discussed FACAB's role in reviewing the immigration policy before approval. Historically, Skip would share proposed policies with FACAB for feedback; they have not yet seen a final draft of the current policy.

Topics from FACAB members

There were questions on the new Campus Safety Center, clarity was provided on if ACPD is doubling the force. Mike raised feedback about Christkindl and Outside Days, which required faculty to navigate around event fencing, and suggested communicating alternative pedestrian routes. Lulu shared the layers of communications for the event and how the team is taking the lessons from past year's events and to implement continuous improvements. For example, Auraria added extra signage during set up for the campus community. Diana asked for more information on how the benefits of events are measured. There will be an events presentation to provide information and updates during an upcoming FACAB meeting.

The group also asked for updates on the KPMG study as a topic for a future meeting.

The meeting ended at 10:38 am.