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to the Auraria Board

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Meeting MINUTES
March 30th, 11am to 12:30pm

Attending:

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
Sophia Tran	Staff, Auraria Campus
Jasmine Padilla	Staff, Auraria Campus
Carl Meese	Staff, Auraria Campus
Skip Spear	Staff, Auraria Campus

The meeting began at 11:05 am.

Approval of minutes

Adam Glick asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February FACAB meeting. Diana White motioned; Mark Broyles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tivoli Reimagined (Sophia/Carl/Jasmine)

Carl Meese presented the Tivoli Program Plan, noting that a draft facilities program is now complete after extensive work and inviting comments by the end of the week. He outlined key priorities: leveraging existing student fees, pursuing state funding (which requires submission of the program plan), and advancing an $85 million Phase 1 renovation focused on deferred maintenance and programmatic improvements.

The plan centers on creating a dynamic student study experience anchored in the atrium. The first floor is envisioned to support student-to-student interaction, the second to connect students with the broader community, and the third to facilitate engagement with institutions. It also proposes expanding CCD's footprint within the building. The tower is planned as a Phase 2 project, with potential upgrades to event spaces and consideration of consolidating AHEC spaces. Phase 1 prioritizes student impact, with Board approval targeted for the April ABOD meeting to enable submission to the state and allow the project to move into design once funding is secured.

Adam asked how much space allocation must be finalized before submitting the program plan, noting some confusion about what is required for Board approval versus what can be determined later. Carl acknowledged the concern, emphasizing that while leadership must ensure commitments in the plan are achievable, the document is intentionally high-level and designed to remain flexible as design progresses. To preserve adaptability, specific square footage details are being minimized.

Sophia added that there had been a request to make the plan less prescriptive and to better reflect a sense of belonging for CCD students, given their currently limited presence. She clarified that no formal action is needed from the Use of Guidelines group prior to presenting the plan to the Board. While elements such as branding and representation will be addressed during the design phase, there is general agreement on expanding CCD's presence, with continued stakeholder engagement planned.

Mark asked for clarification on project phases, and Carl explained that elements shown in red represent Phase 1, while those in blue indicate Phase 2.

Adam also raised concerns about reliance on student fees, noting the broader issue that current students are voting on costs that will affect future students. Sophia encouraged members to share information about the project to build student awareness. Diana White suggested establishing a more consistent communication channel between AHEC and faculty, staff, and students across all three institutions, such as regular campus-wide updates. Sophia noted that this aligns with a recommendation from the KPMG study. She also congratulated FACAB on the bill passage, which Adam confirmed had been signed by the governor on Friday.

Lack of FACAB/SACAB chance for input into AHEC policy development that affects faculty and students - how to move toward more of a shared governance model (Diana)

Diana raised a concern after a student shared a draft policy on campus lockdown security processes, noting the lack of shared governance input in AHEC policy development. Skip explained that AHEC drafts policies, which are then sent to AEC for internal circulation, feedback, and revision before returning to AEC and moving to ABOD for approval. He offered to share policy drafts with FACAB and SACAB at the same time they are distributed to AEC and asked if that approach would be acceptable. FACAB agreed this would be a helpful and appropriate step, while Diana noted that in many cases, they may not have edits but still value the opportunity for input.

FACAB representation in the events process (Diana) This item was a status check on including FACAB on the event information share-out process. FACAB emphasized its role as an independent representative body and noted that determining committee membership should not be directed solely by the institutions but rather handled through direct discussion.

FACAB representation changes to the governance process of AHEC with the 3 institutions moving forward - opportunities for input and to have a voice before the formal votes that occur at the ABOD level. (Diana)

Diana noted that in discussions with KPMG, they emphasized that meaningful influence comes from early input in decision-making, not just voting, and expressed concern about not being included as plans move forward. Adam asked who FACAB should contact to be involved in committee formation. Skip suggested starting by circulating a list of committees where faculty representation is appropriate. Diana asked whether to coordinate internally with their institutions since committee members are often selected by the institutions. AHEC will share the finalized committee list once it's complete so FACAB can review it.

Bylaws revisions to align with SB26-034 (Diana).
The bill takes effect on October 1, providing some lead time. Adam noted the April ABOD meeting has been extended from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be no June ABOD meeting, but a May meeting is scheduled, which is the target timeframe for bylaw's draft completion and approval.

ABOD voting rights update (Adam) Adam reported that, after years of effort, FACAB and SACAB have secured voting rights. He clarified that the ABOD ultimately had no authority over the decision. The bill advanced to the Senate in February and the House in early March, where four students and four faculty members testified. It was officially signed into law last Friday.

Mark asked about any resistance from the Board. Adam noted that pushback was relatively limited, with the most notable discussion involving Regent Hood. Because Board membership changes frequently, outreach required engaging many different members over time. More substantial resistance came from institutional lobbyists, who proposed amendments to exclude students—or both students and faculty—from executive sessions. These proposals were opposed, and a compromise amendment was adopted allowing board members to recuse themselves in cases of conflict of interest. Diana added that there were also notable conversations with MSU Denver's external affairs team, and that CU Denver was reportedly lobbying against the bill during committee review. Adam asked members to inform faculty assembly leaders about the need for additional FACAB representatives and the increased responsibilities that will come with these new roles.

Zsuzsa suggested drafting a standard paragraph for faculty assembly leaders to ensure clear, consistent, and compelling messaging. Diana recommended emphasizing Auraria's increased inclusivity and FACAB's role in key initiatives. She also suggested including language in the bylaws encouraging institutions to provide release time or stipends for the FACAB chair, with AEC support. A draft message will be prepared for distribution.

Adam announced a bill-passing celebration scheduled for April 20.

150 250 Artwork (Lulu)

Lulu shared that, in recognition of Colorado's 150th birthday and the United States Semiquincentennial, there will be a series of artworks around the state to honor the occasion. Auraria will be one of the sites. Lulu shared early renderings of the pieces planned for campus. FACAB expressed excitement on welcoming these new art works to campus.

Meeting Logistics

Discussion on thinking ahead for meeting times for the new academic year. Adam suggested aligning FACAB meetings with the week of ABOD meetings, particularly given FACAB's new voting role.

FACAB budget/swag

Diana White shared that she discussed FACAB swag with Colleen, who indicated it may be possible, noting they could help raise awareness of FACAB. Lulu will follow up on budget availability.

FACAB expressed excitement in the upcoming "Outside Days" outdoor-focused event previously held at Civic Center that will take place on the Auraria campus this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm