

Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board
Meeting Agenda
11/17/2025
11:00am to 1:00pm

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
Jason Mollendor	Chief of Police, Auraria Campus
Skip Spear	Staff, Auraria Campus
Devra Ashby	Staff, Auraria Campus
Sandra Zuniga	Staff, Auraria Campus

Agenda Items:

The meeting began at 11:05 a.m.

1. Approval of Oct 20th minutes

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

2. ACPD (AHEC 101)

Lulu provided an overview of the AHEC 101 series. Over the past year, Auraria departments and leaders have attended FACAB meetings to share information about campus infrastructure and operations. Chief Jason Mollendor will conclude the series with a presentation on the Auraria Campus Police Department (ACPD). He noted that ACPD is a shared service under AHEC and operates differently from traditional higher education police models. ACPD is a relatively small department responsible for a campus population of approximately 47,000–48,000 people, including about 41,000 students.

Chief Mollendor highlighted that daily crime logs are federally required and emphasized the importance of communication through the Auraria Alert system, which sends urgent safety notifications via text message and timely warnings via institutional email. ACPD currently operates out of a Tivoli substation and a main station in the Administration Building, which was originally intended as a temporary location in 1999 and lacks appropriate police department facilities.

Staffing remains a persistent challenge. While ACPD is authorized for 32 officers, the department is rarely fully staffed, as many officers leave for higher-paying agencies. Despite these challenges, ACPD continues to provide 24/7, year-round coverage for the campus community.

Chief Mollendor also reported on ACPD staffing and training efforts. ACPD is currently training and hiring a lieutenant and continues to provide a 40-hour in-service program along with ongoing professional development opportunities. While hiring remains difficult, the department has not lowered its standards and continues to invest in development; many new officers are recruited from within the campus community.

Nancy and Lance from Emergency Management were recognized for their continued work on policy development, emergency planning, and community trainings—most of which are free, with the exception of CPR courses. Chief updated on the transition to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) systems for campus emergency phones. CU Denver and MSU Denver are in the process of shifting to VoIP, a change that requires approval from the City of Denver. The department is also working through complications related to outdated 911 routing systems and is applying to the Colorado Utilities Commission to join the Colorado 911 Network. This transition will expand the institutions' available options for routing 911 calls.

The group had additional staffing questions and clarification was provided. The total authorized count of 32 officers includes all positions, with 23 assigned to patrol. The department is transitioning from 10-hour to 12-hour shifts. Chief Mollendor emphasized the ongoing staffing challenges, noting that while it takes only two weeks to lose an officer, it can take up to a year to replace one. He also highlighted that ACPD is the only police department in Denver, outside of DPD, with full police

authority—including the ability to file charges directly into city court and allow detectives to take cases directly to the District Attorney. Chief Mollendor underscored that despite staffing challenges, the campus remains safe due to the dedication and commitment of ACPD personnel.

Public Safety Building

Chief Mollendor provided an overview of the Campus Safety Center project. After evaluating potential funding sources, the state was identified as the most viable option, and the project ultimately received approval on its second legislative submission. The new facility will provide ACPD with a modern, best-practice-aligned space designed to support effective policing and create a welcoming environment for individuals reporting crimes—replacing makeshift interview locations such as conference rooms or records closets. The building will also address operational needs, including improved holding cell design, and will incorporate community-focused features such as a 24-hour student study lab. FACAB members expressed strong support for the 24-hour space as a valuable campus resource.

The facility will include at least two classrooms for the Criminal Justice Department, creating opportunities for student engagement and collaboration with ACPD. In response to a question from Mark Broyles regarding renderings, Chief Mollendor noted that the building will have two floors. While rising project costs required the removal of some planned space, including a third floor, the project remains on budget, and all adjustments were made deliberately and thoughtfully. The new facility is designed to serve the campus community for the next 50–75 years.

Finally, a request was made to update the graphics on the website. Carl will send the images to the marketing team for posting.

3. Voting Rights

Diana reported that Jared Bynam, Chair of SACAB, drafted a resolution with the SACAB proposed changes. It outlines the rationale for repealing the full-time student requirement and removing the three-year Colorado residency requirement for students. FACAB will make their adjustments, including the composition of

FACAB increasing from six to nine members with three representatives from each institution instead of two. Adam added that the resolution will be customized for FACAB and will be submitted the following day. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that faculty at each institution are informed, with the goal of securing time on faculty body agendas to raise awareness and encourage attendance at the ABOD meeting, demonstrating faculty support. He stated that presenting the resolution would be beneficial and does not require securing last year's support.

Zsuzsa and Adam both expressed appreciation for the extensive work Diana contributed. Diana shared uncertainty about how board members might react and asked Skip whether he had insight into how the presidents might respond. Skip noted that resolutions are typically brought to the board only when a unanimous position is expected and advised monitoring upcoming meetings. Diana expressed concern that CU Denver leadership appear to be avoiding meeting with them. Adam felt that board member Angie is enthusiastic about the proposal. Diana reiterated her worry that they have not received clear responses from the presidents and asked whether emailing them might be appropriate. Skip advised against written communication and strongly recommended face-to-face meetings instead. Diana added that when a student emailed the CU Chancellor, the only reply was a question about whether anything new had occurred, and she herself received a similar response. She expressed hope that they are not being set up to fail. The group asked about previous resolutions and possible outcomes. Skip noted that only one resolution has ever been tabled, but that language is sometimes revised during board meetings, and he cautioned that there may be resistance to placing this topic on the agenda.

Motion to present this to the ABOD with minor adjustments to make it FACAB-specific. Mark Broyles motioned; Diana White seconded in an enthusiastic manner.

*Will email MSU Denver representatives to be in quorum.

4. ABOD retreat debrief

Adam Glick provided a debrief of the ABOD retreat. He began by announcing that Landon Mascareñaz, CCCS representative and current chair of the CCCS board,

will be stepping off the board. Yoland Ortega, a former ABOD member, will join as the new board representative.

Adam noted that one of the key voting items at the retreat involved utility easements. The board approved delegation authority to Colleen to manage easements without requiring future board action. He also reported on decisions regarding the Bear Creek Building, which currently houses the Center for Workforce Initiatives (CWI). Due to prohibitive renovation costs, the board unanimously voted to remove the building from the campus upgrade list, effectively clearing the way for its eventual demolition. A new location for CWI will be identified.

Adam then reviewed updates on Tivoli infrastructure and AHEC bond refunding options. Current bond rates are less favorable than those available previously, and refinancing could result in approximately \$1 million in savings. Market changes have also significantly affected the workforce housing project, requiring its height to be reduced to seven stories. Although Paul Washington expressed concern that demand may increase by the time the project is completed, Adam emphasized that financial decisions must reflect current—not projected—market conditions, which have become less positive in Denver. He also shared an update regarding Xcel Energy’s presence on campus, noting that while several buildings remain on the Xcel grid, all campus facilities are expected to transition to the AHEC grid by 2030.

Adam reported on capital renewal and construction prioritization, explaining that although large-scale construction approvals are unlikely, AHEC continues to submit prioritized capital project requests to the state. He also noted that KPMG did not present their findings at the retreat; they continue to work with various stakeholders and will share results at a future board meeting.

Lastly, Adam summarized the ZGF presentation. Although ZGF presented a different version to the steering committee the day prior, the model shared at the retreat highlighted two potential concepts for Tivoli redevelopment: a “Larimer Street 2.0” design featuring retail and commercial activation along the Tivoli’s Plaza-facing exterior, and a “nodes” concept distributing activity throughout the building. Feedback was overwhelmingly in favor of the Larimer Street option.

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