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Meeting MINUTES

Attending:

Mike Jacobs	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

The meeting began at 12:06 PM.

Agenda Items:

Approval of minutes

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

Tivoli Space Use Working Group (Sophia)

- Sophia Tran, Auraria Chief of Staff, provided an update on the Tivoli Reimagined program plan, noting it is in the early stages and requires requesting state funding. AEC discussions have focused on organizational structure and forming a space use working group to determine what programs the Tivoli should house and how space should be allocated. Foundational space use guidelines must be developed within the next 60 days for approval at the April meeting. The working group will include a campus planner from each institution, one or two student affairs representatives, one representative from each institution from FACAB and SACAB (to be determined by those bodies), and AHEC events and auxiliary representatives. Sophia requested that representatives be identified by the end of the week, with meetings likely beginning virtually next week. She will share the draft program plan for feedback and provide future updates.

- Adam Glick clarified that FACAB and SACAB may determine their own representatives. Diana White expressed a preference to first appoint FACAB members, citing past concerns about administrative appointments not broadly representing faculty. Adam noted faculty assemblies typically meet in the first week of the month. Mark Broyles is unable to serve but will consult. Diana White (CU), Adam Glick (CCD), and Mike Jacobs (MSU Denver, pending schedule) were identified as representatives. Members were asked to send teaching schedules to Sophia. Diana added that expanding to nine members reflects Auraria's increased inclusivity and internal capacity.
- In response to Mark's question, Sophia confirmed that the working group will help define programmatic uses to support the case for state funding and shape a student-centered, streamlined, and accessible vision for the building. She noted time constraints and that CU Denver's recent space analysis will help support the work. CCD's campus planner is still to be confirmed, and Sophia will report back to the chiefs of staff. The deadline to identify all representatives remains at the end of the week.

12:15pm Tivoli Reimagined Program Plan

- Carl will present an overview at the upcoming ABOD meeting, with ZGF in attendance. ABOD was originally scheduled to vote this month to move the project into capital construction, but institutional concerns, primarily related to space allocation, have delayed the vote to April (there is no March ABOD meeting). Phase 1 construction is estimated at $85M, and Phase 2, which includes the less student-facing tower component, is estimated at $45M. AHEC emphasized the importance of securing approval in April to maintain priority on the state list.

- The project does not propose additional student fees; funding would include refinancing parking structures, and ZGF is confident in securing historic tax credits. Stakeholders' input efforts were reviewed, and the importance of student voice was reiterated. It was noted that delaying approval beyond April could risk losing prioritization and potentially increase future student fees. Auraria has been successful in securing state funding through a complex process and reaffirmed that the project's intent is to remain student-focused and avoid raising student fees while moving the project forward.

ABOD voting rights update (Adam)

- Adam reported that the bill is moving quickly and shared the bill link. It passed the Senate Education Committee on February 9 by a 4–3 vote, with strong testimony from students and faculty, including Diana and Adam. The sponsor expressed enthusiasm about the level of civic engagement. An amendment was added to address institutional concerns regarding executive session matters (e.g., personnel and campus security). Existing bylaws regarding conflicts of interest and potential recusal were clarified, and discussions with MSU's lobbyist resulted in applying these rules to all board members, not just FACAB and SACAB. Diana noted the amendment also grants the board authority to appoint someone to determine when recusal is necessary.
- The bill passed second and third readings in the Senate (19–11) and now moves to the House on March 5. Adam emphasized the need for continued student and faculty testimony, particularly from CU and CCD, and hopes for MSU representation. If passed, the bill would: expand FACAB from six to nine members; remove the full-time student requirement for SACAB; reduce the student residency requirement to one year; and grant FACAB and SACAB voting rights on ABOD. The bill would take effect on October 1.
- In response to questions about time commitments, Adam stated that serving as a voting member would require the same meeting time, with added responsibility in preparing to vote. Mike noted his teaching responsibilities would take priority if reassigned time were not available, and Adam acknowledged that an alternative representative may be needed if scheduling conflicts arise. Diana added that the rapid pace of the process was unprecedented and praised the students' articulate testimony.

12: 40pm SACAB touch base

- Adam invited Dominic Deibert, SACAB President and CCD student, to introduce himself and share SACAB priorities, noting recent turnover within SACAB. Dominic confirmed he currently serves as chair, while Jared represents SACAB on ABOD. He shared that all MSU Denver and CCD representatives are new. SACAB's primary priority is advancing the legislative bill. For CU Denver, representatives are Jared and Angelina Gonzalez. Per the bylaws, SACAB and FACAB chairs should meet once per semester, and Adam suggested it would be helpful for members across institutions to connect. FACAB members introduced themselves, and Adam will send a follow-up email to facilitate connections.
- Adam asked about recent student inquiries around Historic Ninth Street. Dominic noted that MSU students had questions around the Peace Garden. Lulu Lantzy has been requested to join an upcoming SACAB meeting to provide information on the Peace Garden, a community-led project that has been a long-time vision of the Displaced Aurarian community. The garden initiative has been supported by community members and institutional partners, including faculty and students. Throughout the design phase and fundraising efforts, it has truly been a collaborative process. Currently the design is complete with goal to break ground in spring/summer 2026. Lulu will provide additional updates at the SACAB meeting on March 6. Dominic will share a list of SACAB's additional priorities.

12:50pm KPMG final report

- Adam shared the final KPMG report with FACAB, highlighting two primary issues: Auraria's funding structure and governance/operations. Previously, state funding was sent to the institutions and then to Auraria, resulting in double-counting under TABOR. Under the current direct appropriation model, Auraria receives funding directly from the state, resolving the double-count issue. KPMG suggested transitioning to enterprise status as a long-term solution, though this is not broadly supported as previous exploration into this path has not deemed it possible.
- Institutions submitted individual responses with some proposing significant governance changes. The report emphasized improving data-sharing and collaboration, while noting the need to identify appropriate reporting systems. Adam noted that while KPMG offered strong recommendations, it provided less guidance on practical implementation.

- Mike Jacobs left at 1:13 pm.

1:10pm ABOD agenda review

- One voting item discussed was a request from members of the Displaced Aurarian community to become a standing committee, which would require a bylaw amendment.
- Jared will provide a legislative update, including details on the recent amendment to the bill. The Tivoli Reimagined Program Plan, previously delayed, will also be discussed, along with updates on the MSU Denver Summit House and Workforce Housing project. It was reported that approximately $50M has been secured, giving the Workforce Housing project a green light, with groundbreaking anticipated this summer.
- There may be public comment on student concerns about potential ICE presence on campus.

The meeting ended at 1:18 PM.