



Student Advisory Committee  
to the Auraria Board

## SACAB Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 10/30/2020

**Time:** 11:00-12:00pm

**Location:** zoom

### ATTENDEES

#### Community College of Denver

- Taylor Hibbs, SACAB – present
- Vacant, SACAB
- Kathryn Mahoney, Ex-Officio - present

#### Metropolitan State University of Denver

- Dominique Perez, SACAB – present
- Birungi Balijhe, SACAB – present
- Guillermo Ramirez, Ex-Officio – present

#### University of Colorado Denver

- Olivia Neece, SACAB – present
- Marlena Harwood, SACAB, Chair – present
- Tierza Watts, Ex-Officio – present

#### Auraria Higher Education Center

- Angela LeValley, Tivoli Director – present
- Chris Herr, ASCP – present
- Jackie Slocombe, ASCP – present
- Raeanna Morgan, AHEC Marketing – present

#### Others

- Bill Mummet, AHEC Chief Business Officer - present

## AGENDA

- Approval of Agenda and Minutes

**Meeting called to order at 11:03AM, no amendments were made to the agenda, approval of the minutes was tabled for next week. Olivia moved, Birungi seconded.**

- Guest Speaker(s):

- Bill Mummet, AHEC Chief Business Officer

Bill gave an overview of the RTD College Pass Program. There are 11 institutions that are part of the RTD College Pass Program, which provides students access to all of RTD's transportation services as part of the fee that is paid by students.

Bill showed a spreadsheet of the usage and price history of the College Pass Program for Auraria Campus. As part of the program, there is no discount that Auraria receives as it relates to the anticipated fare costs. AHEC pays a contract price provided by RTD, and the student fee is calculated based on what projected student head count is.

For the Summer and Fall 2020 semester, AHEC didn't decide to pull out the contract, the institutions did. The contract is an "all-in-all-out", in that all three institutions on Auraria campus must pay into the contract – there is no option for individual institution contracts.

The increase from year to year for the student fee is driven by the decreasing head count of the student population on Auraria campus.

Marlena asked for clarification for why the contract price provided by RTD increased. Bill explained that RTD went to a new model between 2018-19 and 2019-20 based on utilization, upgrading data tracking for student use.

Jackie asked for insight into why RTD is unwilling to negotiate a middle-ground for the College Pass Program. Bill stated that there have been numerous conversations with RTD, but they are firm on their position that there is only one College Pass program and it must be a full buy-in program from all three institutions. RTD has been very difficult to negotiate with.

Jackie said that the program doesn't seem like a discount program, more of a bulk contract program. Bill agreed and expressed AHEC's frustration with the pricing for the program. AHEC is hoping that there will be more fruitful conversations about renegotiating the contract with the new CEO of RTD.

Olivia asked how much of the contract is paid for by the student fee. Bill replied that all of the contract is paid for by student fees and that amount is based on projected head count. Olivia followed up and asked if other institutions have suspended their contract with RTD. Bill replied that he is not sure, but he cannot get any of the other institutions to collaborate with AHEC to take a stance against RTD's contract.

Marlena asked if Bill had an idea of what the institutions will decide for the Spring semester regarding the RTD contract. Bill said that he did not know, but anticipates that the contract would likely be suspended based on the amount of online-only classes.

Angela shared the results of the student survey for the potential reinstatement of the RTD contract. There were 656 responses, with 56% of responses coming from CCD students. 59.4% of students surveyed would like to see the RTD contract reestablished, and 41.4% said they would not.

Marlena asked why the institutions weren't conducting an "emergency election" regarding the reinstatement of the RTD program. Bill and Tierza replied that students already voted to accept

the program for the 2020-21 year, so they are only looking for student feedback at this point. Both agreed that this is a very difficult decision to make due to the pandemic. Kathryn pointed out that students likely did not anticipate that we'd be online for the Spring semester. She also noted that students from CCD overwhelmingly need public transportation to get to campus, but many are glad to not have to pay the new student fee.

Jackie asked if there is data to show which percentage of students fall below the poverty line to see how many would be covered by the RTDLive program. Kathryn said a large portion of CCD students are, and this number would be easy to find. Chris said that Rob put together a spreadsheet for this data a few years ago, and we could find this information. Chris said that the biggest barrier for accessing the RTDLive discount is the amount of paperwork that is needed to be file in order to apply. Angela pointed out that this is not covered by student fees.

Kathryn pointed out that our smaller sister schools cannot afford the RTD College Pass Program. Bill said that RTD is giving discounts to youth, but are not considering college students. Angela attended several of the strategic planning meetings, and the College Pass program was not talked about very much and was clearly not a priority.

SACAB moved onto new business, which was the ACPD Resolution drafting.

#### Unfinished/New Business

Marlena shared the draft resolution with the group. Marlena clarified if the resolution could be sponsored by SACAB or if it had to be sponsored by a single person. Tierza said a group, committee or person could sponsor the resolution.

Marlena went through the resolution with the group and asked for feedback. She noted that there is a lack of data regarding student support, so SACAB needs to solicit feedback from students or refer to peer-reviewed studies.

Tierza provided a paper from the National Institute for Justice regarding body worn cameras that could be used as a reference in the resolution. Tierza noted that there can be bias in studies based on who is paying for the study.

Tierza also said that there should be language regarding transparency, and Angela noted there could be a section regarding a third-party complaints/feedback system. She also reminded the group that there was an MSU Denver "café" about ACPD and body worn cameras. Dominique did not attend the café, and Birungi said that "X", a student from MSU, attended the meeting and referenced the GITA resolution. Marlena said she would send out this resolution and that SACAB could cite the cafes and GITA resolution within SACAB's resolution.

Marlena asked if a survey would be a good idea to solicit feedback, and Birungi said that a survey might not be the best idea, and that having a town hall style solicitation would be better. Tierza suggested SACAB add a section regarding community policing. Angela noted that ACPD has NCO's, and they used to be assigned to specific areas of campus, but that this does not happen anymore. Kathryn said this was not exactly what community policing is, but that ACPD doesn't assign NCO's to specific areas anymore.

Dominique stated that ACPD needs to find new ways to engage with the student community, as their current techniques are somewhat lacking.

Marlena asked if the Police Advisory Committee had been established, and Angela said it had not, and Dominique clarified that they are looking for more faculty.

- Position Announcements
  - Tabled until next week. Olivia moved, Dominique seconded.
  
- Public Comment
  - None
  
- Adjournment
  - **The meeting was adjourned at 12:04.**