



Student Advisory Committee  
to the Auraria Board

## SACAB Meeting

**Date:** 2 April 2021

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

**Location:** Zoom

### ATTENDEES

#### Community College of Denver

- Mariam Osman, SACAB--Present
- Vacant, SACAB
- Kathryn Mahoney, Ex-Officio--Present [?](#)

#### Metropolitan State University of Denver

- Dominique Perez, SACAB--Present
- Birungi Balijhe, SACAB
- Guillermo Ramirez, Ex-Officio--Present

#### University of Colorado Denver

- Olivia Neece, SACAB
- Marlena Harwood, SACAB--Present
- Tierza Watts, Ex-Officio--Present

#### Auraria Higher Education Center

- Angela LeValley, Advisor and Tivoli Director--Present
- Raeanna Morgan, AHEC Marketing--Present
- Chris Herr, AHEC--Present
- Jackie Slocombe, AHEC--Present
- Jon Bryon, AHEC
- Cassy Cadwallader, AHEC--Present
- Taylor Hibbs, SACAB Secretary--Present

#### Guests

- David Nusbaum
- Andrea Goldblum
- Leena Elmiladi

### AGENDA

- Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - Marlena called the meeting to order at 11:04am.

- Given that Olivia and Birungi were absent, Marlena inquired if there was a quorum present. Angela confirmed that there is.
    - Mariam motioned to approve the minutes for 12 March, Dominique seconded. Mariam motioned to approve the minutes for 19 March 2021, Dominique seconded.
    - Mariam motioned to approve the agenda, Dominique seconded.
  - Guest Speaker(s):
    - N/A
  - Unfinished/New Business
    - Cassy: Compost Bin Roll-Out Budget Proposal
      - The proposal concerns the first two phases of the compost.
      - ASCP is expanding compost access on campus.
      - Student fees were raised \$3 a semester by a referendum passed in April 2020 in order to adopt the compost program
      - An audit of indoor and outdoor bins was conducted, in order to identify best locations for compost bins.
      - They are doing a documented quote to determine a vendor for the bins. The quote went out on 13 March 2021.
        - Moving forward, the numbers may change depending on the documented quote, depending on the vendor chosen.
      - The hope is to standardize three streams of waste, with landfill, recycling, and compost.
        - Colors of bins, labeling and signage will be part of the standardization.
      - Cassy is requesting funding/approval of budgeting for fiscal year 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
      - This year, the request is for 10 outdoor bins and 25 indoor bins.
        - The following year will add 30 indoor bins in high-yield student spaces
        - Compost bags are not included in this budget proposal, because the compost bags were already purchased in November.
          - For fiscal year 2021/2022, a new purchase will occur on an annual basis.
        - They will also be including new dumpsters in order to help the custodial team facilitate the new workload.
          - The assumed cost of \$5,000
        - One time purchases are \$176,219.00
        - Total recurring charges = \$23,505.50
        - Total contingency funds = \$10,000.00
        - **Total = \$204,730.00**
        - This is not money asked for in addition to the \$3 fee, it is already included in the budget.
      - The paybacks are more existential than they are monetary.
        - The goal is to lower the greenhouse gas emissions on campus.
        - Waste in landfills accounts for 5% of our greenhouse gasses.
        - This will make sure we are diverting our waste from landfills.
        - There will also be an educational deployment to educate student, staff, and custodial.
        - Cassy will oversee implementation, as well as ASCP, and student staff.
      - Cassy provided a visual of the 6-year plan, which will cover vendors, etc.

- They will start with outdoor and student spaces.
- Cassy then opened the floor for questions.
  - Angela stated she had no questions, but just wanted to say thank you. She noticed prior to today that there was a need for streamlining.
  - Marlina stated that she had heard people on campus complaining about the different appearance and type of bins.
    - Chris clarified that the reason for the mixture of waste receptacles across campus is due to the variety of contractors that build buildings and/or update
  - Tierza asked about the amount of money for this proposal, and asked if the money already existed in the accounts.
    - Jackie clarified that the funds are indeed available
    - Marlina confirmed that the fund exists, and will not come from SACAB directly, and that this budget proposal is just to allocate already existing funds.
    - Cassy reiterated that the money comes from student fees.
- **The budget proposal passed unanimously.**
- Jackie Slocombe: Auraria Displacement Event 5/5 – SGA Support
  - Jackie started with the bad news first:
    - What the Eyes don't see event had to be cancelled due to uncertain contractual issues with Penguin Random House.
      - A contract will possibly be signed sometime in the new future, to allow for a possible event in the fall, perhaps September
      - \$2,500 for the event can be put back into the SACAB budget.
  - There is another event in the works for 5 May for Cinco De Mayo from 3:30-5pm, called "Displaced Aurarians Honoring the Past to Plan for the Future"
    - It will be a panel event that features displaced Aurarians telling their story
    - There will be a discussion, and then breakout events after to discuss
      - conversations on how to honor what took place in the Auraria geographical location.
      - How should Auraria commemorate this history
      - What impact has the displaced Aurarian scholarship had
      - How will history affect AHEC's strategic planning process going forward
    - Jackie clarified the events that occurred in the 1970s
      - There was a neighborhood that was declared "blighted" in order to make space for the current Auraria Campus
    - Jackie offered to send the fliers for the event to SACAB members
    - The organizers are very passionate about compensating panel participants and student contributors, instead of asking them to volunteer
      - She asked if there were any leftover funds from the various SGAs
      - Kathryn asked who would be arranging/contributing to the event
        - Jackie clarified that it was a group of professors, but also specifically Mary Anne Blitt, a new Spanish Professor who has been in contact with the Cinco De Mayo committee.
    - Mariam mentioned that this event came up during ABOD.
      - There was discussion about making education more inclusive.

- Jackie stated that sponsors can be featured on the fliers for the event
- Marlana asked if Jackie was requesting funding specifically from the various SGAs, or if SACAB can contribute.
  - Jackie confirmed that SACAB can be a sponsor.
- Jackie stated that they are trying to work around the hiccup of how legally to pay the panel members, since one is a professor.
- Marlana stated that the only issue from CU Denver's SGA would be that they cannot use funds directly for individuals, internal or external, if it is just money, and not non-monetary compensation.
  - Tierza confirmed that they can transfer funds for internal CU Denver events, but for tri-institutional events, they have to buy things for the event.
- Jackie asked if there were any questions about the event.
  - Marlana stated she did not have questions, but would love to see the marketing materials.
- Jackie finally mentioned that this week they will be launching their Climate Action programming public engagement forum, and that SACAB should be on the lookout for emails concerning that.
- ACPD Resolution Updates Discussion and Vote to Edit
  - Marlana gave a very brief breakdown of the earlier conversation between Marlana, Mariam, and Angela and Colleen Walker and Chief Phibbs concerning the SACAB ACPD resolution:
    - The meeting was an inquiry from Colleen about the context of and reason for the SACAB ACPD resolution
      - Marlana gave an explanation of how the resolution came to be, and explained that the resolution (and all resolutions) is a way for SACAB to communicate the needs and wants of the student body to the administration and relevant parties
        - The statements are not demands, but function a conversation starter.
      - Marlana shared that Chief stated that 80% of the items in the resolution were already being done.
      - Specifically, the part of the resolution that called for officers convicted of the use of excessive force to be terminated from ACPD.
        - Phibbs explained that there was already a system in place for that.
          - They stated that there were no cases of excessive force against ACPD officers and inquired why that specific statement was in the resolution if students have not complained about it before.
      - Marlana stated that the resolution wasn't stating that these systems didn't exist, but more to emphasize that these are concerns of the student body, but that student don't know about some of these systems exist.
      - Marlana mentioned that the title of the resolution is "a resolution for increased transparency and communication"
      - Marlana recalled from the meeting that Chief seemed concerned that resolution was accusatory, and that the resolution did not reflect well on ACPD & would make them look bad.

- Colleen proposed that she and Chief Phibbs meet with SACAB to collaborate on a new resolution.
- Tierza confirmed that the resolution was to communicate the needs of the students. If they receive a resolution, then they can communicate their response. If ACPD has addressed 80% of the issue in the resolutions, then they can address that in their response. It is not their role to write the resolution.
- Dominique stated that SACAB worked hard on the resolution, for months.
  - To re-write something that has taken such effort and such time [doesn't make sense].
  - They don't have to like it, and if they don't like it, then it is a problem.
  - She doesn't think the resolution is accusatory.
- Marlena mentioned that Olivia couldn't be in the meeting today, but that she sent a message for Marlena to relay to SACAB in this meeting.
  - Olivia: "I am absolutely against drafting in partner with ACPD or AHEC. It undermines the point of a resolution, and would be a betrayal of our BIPOC students in order to preserve the status quo. Our job is to represent them, and not to preserve any sort of image. Ultimately, I think the most important thing to remember is the purpose of the resolution and why we drafted it. There is a lack of transparency from ACPD. Even if they are doing these things, I am positive our students do not know this. I think this resolution, even as it is, has the potential to be positive for both the student experience and ACPD/AHEC."
- Marlena stated that she thought that the meeting and response from ACPD/AHEC was unfortunate.
  - They could have responded to the resolution, and could have communicated what they are doing. This would have reflected well on ACPD/AHEC.
- Marlena mentioned that the resolution was in progress for 5 months.
  - SACAB is a public committee that can be attended by anyone.
  - The resolution was brought up in CAB numerous times.
  - There may have been the thought that this resolution was created behind closed doors, and made the resolution without their feedback, which is untrue.
  - Tierza mentioned that SACAB is public student committee that advises, and the resolution is about how the students feel.
  - Angela stated that as a meeting attendee, there were concerns [on the part of Colleen and Chief Phibbs] that some of the asks are not feasible.
    - Tierza asked what CAB is: Angela and Cassy clarified that it stands for "Community Advisory Board".
    - Tierza then mentioned that anybody can go to a city council meeting and voice their concerns. The CAB is an awesome step taken by ACPD.
- Marlena stated to Angela's point that Chief and Colleen's concerns about the feasibility.
  - She stated that a specific point of concern was the resolution's demand for the "de-weaponizing of officers".
  - Angela recalled another concern was the CAB's vote on excessive force
- Mariam mentioned the post-meeting discussion,
  - It seemed that Chief was speaking from a positive interest, and was bloviating, and how Chief wants to "keep things easy"

- She can't imagine how any resolution about ACPD would be wholly complementing of ACPD, since the whole point of resolution is to bring things to the attention of ACPD
- She mentioned that the CCD SGA members mentioned attending the town hall yesterday, and how their voices were not heard. She mentioned that David Nusbaum is in the meeting, and can voice his concern about the town hall.
  - Marlina gave David the floor.
    - David Nusbaum is a student rep with CCD SGA, and attended the CAB's town hall of 1 April 2021.
    - He felt that Chief Phibbs was not at all forthright about answering any questions.
    - He felt it was not a town hall, but rather was a scripted event.
      - It felt more like propaganda than a town hall meeting.
    - They took maybe 3-4 questions from attendees, but the rest was scripted.
    - Marlina mentioned that she was there for the first 30 minutes and wanted to address the bodycams.
      - CAB had to vote on whether or not to include bodycams in next year's budget, and they voted "no".
    - David mentioned that he thinks that SACAB should "go harder" in their resolution. The resolution is what SACAB wants to see, and the onus is on ACPD/AHEC to accommodate. ACPD/AHEC does not have to do everything. They are here to listen to students, and not the other way around. Students pay fees that fund the department, and students should have a voice in what they do.
    - Cassy mentioned that she serves on the CAB and is open to questions concerning the CAB.
- Marlina wanted to discuss next steps, and whether SACAB should vote on whether or not SACAB should edit the resolution.
  - She asked if there were any final comments or questions prior to the vote.
    - There were none.
  - Marlina reconfirmed that a quorum was present, and that she would be voting.
- **Marlina brought the issue to a vote: a yes is in favor of re-writing the resolution, a no is in favor of leaving the resolution as is.**
  - **The No votes were unanimous.**
- Marlina stated that she would contact chief and Colleen Walker and inform them that SACAB will distribute the resolution beginning next week.
- Cassy asked to clarify about communication between SACAB and the CAB. Would SACAB like here to pass along emails?
  - Marlina stated she was not certain.
  - Cassy just wanted to know if there should be more formal communication concerning the resolution specifically.
- Tierza asked if there was a standard practice for SACAB concerning resolutions.

