



Student Advisory Committee
to the Auraria Board

SACAB Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/02/2020

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 Fay, SACAB – present
- Tierza Watts, Ex-Officio – present

Auraria Higher Education Center

- Angela LeValley, Tivoli Director – present

Others Present

- Owen Berg, Auraria Recovery Community
- Raeanna Morgan, AHEC Marketing

AGENDA

- ☐ Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Olivia moved to approve the minutes from last week's SACAB meeting. Birungi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- ☐ Guest Speaker(s):

- Owen Berg, Auraria Recovery Community

Owen Berg met with SACAB to discuss measurable goals and objectives of ARC and how SACAB could help ARC meet those long-term and short-term goals. Marley asked how SACAB could help ARC in the short-term and long-term to propel their initiatives and projects. Owen began with the history of ARC and how they began on Auraria campus. He noted that the

organization began with two CU Denver students and two CU Denver staff that felt a need for a recovery community on Auraria campus, because recovery is hard to achieve alone. They held a number of focus groups for students, staff, and any interested parties. All students expressed they felt isolated and were excited about the prospect of a community for recovery. ARC is now funded by a grant with four part-time employees and around 20 active members.

In order for ARC to grow, Owen noted that they need more funding. They are looking at multiple routes, including student fees, additional grants, institutional funding from each school, and interest from private donors. Another thing they need is a space (preferably in the Tivoli). ARC would like to model after the Phoenix Center and the LGBTQ+ Resource Center. ARC has money for one year of rent, and grants that will allow up to four years of additional rent. Owen also noted that being so central to downtown, there are many, many access points to mind-altering substances, including marijuana, alcohol, and other illegal substances right off campus. Additional funding and a space on campus are ARC's two long-term goals. Owen reflected on his own personal experiences as a student at Auraria and how the campus was not able to provide the resources and community he needed in order to overcome his addictions. He desires to give back to students on Auraria Campus because he was able to find help and recovery using a 12-step program and external community and wants to provide that space for students as well.

Owen at this point opened the floor up for questions. Tierza noted that the Tivoli is a great place to look for a spot, and gave context that many university have recovery resources in their health center. Tierza also asked for the rationale for choosing the Tivoli as potential space for their organization, noting that some students might find it odd. Owen began explaining why the Tivoli is the best option, noting the values of community and inclusivity. The Tivoli is a tri-institutional space where students find community and is also central to campus. He noted that many tri-institutional groups have housing in the Tivoli already, and says that the Tivoli fits the bill for providing space for any tri-institutional organization. He also went on to explain why the Health Center was not the best option, noting that while there is collaboration between the services, there is a distinction between the Health Center's medical model of recovery and ARC's psycho-social model of recovery.

Marley asked if ARC anticipates offering services to non-students, potentially for a small fee. Owen responded absolutely, noting that there is support from non-campus affiliated recovery groups and interest in collaboration. He mentioned that there is a third-party organization that is interested in developing an intensive outpatient program (IOP) for people in Denver, which is lacking in central Denver at an affordable rate.

Marley asked if ARC anticipates having safe-use areas on campus. Owen said no, due to federal and state funding, making it illegal to provide these services on campus. However, he said there are plans to roll out a naloxone training program for staff members. Tierza then asked if there is a plan for succession for ARC after Owen leaves for medical school. Owen said that there is already a well-thought out succession plan, with one person being a staff-member with the Health Center, and the other two being staff members of ARC. He noted there is no

shortage of personnel that would be interested in Owen's position. Owen also noted that he will be leaving a succession plan for ARC after he leaves sometimes in the Spring, starting with an already on-going google document for all staff members to contribute to.

Kathryn updated Owen with CCD's involvement, noting that the school's Vice President is only one-and-a-half months on the job, and that the President is leaving in December, slowing their ability to respond to ARC's needs. She asked how far along in the discussion ARC was in support from the other two institutions. Owen responded and said there was a lot of interest from CU Denver, and said he's spoken quite a bit to Braelynn from MSU regarding institutional funding from MSU. He noted that there is a lot of support, and they are making their way.

Marley asked if ARC would be able to operate without student fees, were a referendum not to pass for a student fee increase. Owen said they are aware of potential pushback from students and are preparing for it, but they have quite a bit of private funding interest as well as grants underway, and they believe they could be sustainable without student fees. Angela asked what the dollar amount of student fees might be. Owen said he was not sure, but it might be somewhere from \$2 to \$3 dollars per student.

Marley asked if there were any final questions. Angela offered to explain how organizations get into the Tivoli, which was taken up on. She explained the Tivoli Reimagining Process. She explained that if there is a space in the Tivoli available, it must meet student needs and would ideally be tri-institutional. ARC would need to meet with the Reprogramming Taskforce in order to acquire this space. Angela also noted that SACAB will have the opportunity to talk with the Tivoli Reimagining Process in the future.

Marley asked the final question, which was how SACAB could explicitly help ARC in the short-term and long-term. Owen noted that most important need was help in finding a space on campus, as well as help finding institutional funding. He also said that spreading ARC's message and information was important using social media. A private message was sent to Marley asking if SACAB had the funding to support ARC. Angela said that while SACAB has a small budget, SACAB does have the ability to co-sponsor an event with ARC. Marley also noted that the individual SGA's could also co-sponsor events with ARC.

Marley asked if there were any final questions. There were not.

☐ Unfinished/New Business

○ Minute-Taking Options

Marley noted that since Ariel's leaving, there is a need for a new minute-taker. Marley noted that a SACAB member could take minutes for the group. She also noted that SACAB could find a temporary student employee to take minutes using SACAB's budget. Marley said that at moment the best option was to rotate minute-taking responsibilities.

○ Comments before next week's meeting with Chief Phibbs

Marley's only comment for the upcoming meeting was to encourage SACAB to be as transparent and open about speaking up for any concerns, questions or clarification regarding the answers to the questions sent ahead to Chief Phibbs and Commander Mollendor.

- Tri-Institutional Voter Education and Engagement Opportunities
Tierza gave a presentation for the Voter Education Committee and materials being sent out to students regarding voting opportunities and voter education. Tierza shared the institutional and tri-institutional events that are upcoming. These included, Hot Topics at MSU, Deliberative Dialogues with CU Denver, Voter Central Workshops, Constitutional Day Event Video, and Post-Election Open Breakout Rooms.

☐ Position Announcements

- SGA
 - CCD – no updates
 - MSU – no updates
 - SGA – still working on Success Looks Like Me, no further updates
- ABOD
 - Ariel went to the first ABOD meeting, and Taylor is confirmed as the student representative.
- PODSOC
 - Met with Ariel, Angela and Rob Byers, talking about getting started.
- FSAC
 - No updates
- SCP
 - No updates, figuring out when meeting times will be
- Reprogramming Task Force
 - No updates, upcoming meeting soon
- Public Relations: Birungi
 - Met with Angela and Ariel about the position, created calendar of getting started. Facebook can have one admin; Instagram can have two.
- Campus Update: Angela LeValley
 - Several AHEC employees being laid off due to budget restrictions from COVID

☐ Public Comment

- Angela told Dominique that FSAC was cancelled for the afternoon

☐ Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 12:03