

Date: October 23rd, 2020

Time: 11:04-12:00pm

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 - Absent
- Tierza Watts, Ex-Officio - Present

Auraria Higher Education Center

- Angela LeValley, Advisor and Tivoli Director - Present
- Raeanna Morgan, AHEC Marketing
- Jackie Slocombe, Sustainability Manager - Present

Other Attendees

- Rachel Lorenz, The Metropolitan

AGENDA

- ☐ Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - Taylor moved to approve the minutes from last week's SACAB meeting. Olivia Seconded. Taylor moved to approve the agenda. Olivia Seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.
- ☐ Guest Speaker(s)
 - Rob Byers
 - Rob provided information about Auraria Campus' Post-election Public Response
 - Rob explained that on Monday (October 19), he joined a tabletop exercise with the senior executives of all three institutions. The purpose of the exercise was to walk through what civil unrest might look like in the coming weeks, and to discuss the kind of the things the campus might face should protests in Denver become significant and/or violent. AHEC and the senior executives will reach out to Student Affairs in order to have students engaged in the case of significant civil unrest on campus.
 - Rob requested that SACAB, SGAs, and general students communicate their perspective on the possibility of post-election civil unrest to Rob.
 - Kathryn provided an update on steps the three institutions are taking in regard to the election and its aftermath. The three institutions are planning either a panel or an event to let students and people on campus know what their rights are when they protest. She stated the event may be on or off campus, and that the panel should hopefully have a

representative of the ACLU in order to provide a broad perspective, and so that students may be prepared if needed. This event is planned for some time near the election.

- Rob stated that they are planning for events expected up to 10 days after the election. He stated that Denver is on the list of 10 cities that could erupt in post-election violence.
- Angela shared Rob's email in the chat.
- Angela reminded everybody that students technically do not have an obligation to inform the institutions of any protests, but that doing so makes things easier, since the campus can prepare things like egress. She stated that she has never seen the campus reject any kind of protest in the past. She estimated that 10 small-scale protests have occurred on campus during the preceding couple of months.
- Kathryn confirmed she is involved with the planning for the "Know Your Rights" event.
- Tierza confirmed she was aware of the preparation of document concerning student protest that will be sent to the Chancellor of CU Denver.

□ Unfinished/New Business

○ Spring 2021 RTD Contract

- Angela presented some background information about the RTD agreement with the Auraria campus. She stated that over the summer, the three institutions and AHEC voted to suspend the RTD pass. She estimates that currently 5% or so of the total campus is physically present on campus.
- Angela stated that leadership is hearing feedback from students that some students used the pass as a benefit for activities outside of school. Because of this, there is discussion as to whether AHEC and the three institutions should reinstate the RTD pass and fee.
- Angela linked to a SurveyMonkey to be dispersed to the student body in order to gauge interest in renewing the RTD pass for Spring 2021. She stated that this needs to be decided by next Friday, October 30th.
- Tierza stated she will send the survey out with her newsletters and anticipates about 300 responses.
- Kathryn asked if Angela has a simple flier to be shared over the three institutions' social media. Angela stated she did not have a flier, but could share a bus graphic to help the institutions spread the survey.
- Guillermo asked if MSU Denver needs to participate in this survey, since MSU Denver already surveyed their student about this issue, and received 3,000 responses. Angela says that she was not told to pause on MSU Denver, but that she shared the results of the MSU survey with the CBO.
- Angela said she would share the survey info with SACAB.
- Olivia asked if RTD was still waiving the fees for normal RTD usage. Angela stated that it had ended. Olivia asked if people currently must pay full price for RTD usage currently, and Angela confirmed that they do.
- Angela reiterated that with the RTD arrangement, it is all-or-nothing for Auraria campus. She stated that when the schools asked RTD if certain students could opt in, and others opt out, that RTD has consistently said no.
- Angela shared that RTD will be getting a new leader starting in January, but that that would be too late to affect the Spring semester.
- Olivia asked if we had heard back from RTD following the cancelling of the pass during the summer, and Angela stated she was not involved in those conversations. Angela stated that she could have Bill Mummert (who was actually doing the negotiating with RTD) come to SACAB to discuss this. She stated that she had the understanding that Auraria had reached out multiple times to negotiate with RTD, but RTD said no.

- Kathryn stated she had a flier that list all the available RTD discounts for people. Tierza asked if that flier should be posted to the institutions' social media in conjunction with the survey. Olivia thought it was best to make a permanent post so that students can share the post on their various social media stories.
- Tierza asked if LinkTree was a viable option for sharing the survey. She stated that Instagram
- Jackie asked when the survey will go out, and if the link to the survey had been posted to the Zoom chat. Guillermo shared the link in the chat.
- Angela reiterated that the survey needs to be completed by next Friday, October 30th.
- Taylor asked if SACAB was going to receive the necessary survey documents right now, and Angela responded that she will send them out immediately after the meeting.
- Taylor stated that CCD's media committee is meeting concurrent to the SACAB meeting, and that they might be able to have the survey posted to CCD's social media quickly once they receive the survey link. Angela reiterated she would send the necessary documents once the meeting is over.
- Jackie stated that the RTD pass came up during the Alternative transportation meeting last Friday (October 16th), and that they talked about pulling together a list of pros and cons of the RTD pass. Angela responded that the survey is simple and has only two questions: 1. Which institution does the student attend? 2. Are you in, or are you out?
- Jackie asked what happens with RTD if halfway through a semester the schools go back to campus, and if there is a chance to revisit the contract mid-semester. Angela stated her understanding is that if we don't assess the fee prior to the start of the semester, then we cannot reinstate it partway through the semester.
- Taylor asked who has the final word on whether Auraria opts in to the RTD pass or not. Angela stated that her understanding is that it is the CBOs who are looking at it; the Chief Business Officers and the AEC group (the presidents, chancellor, and CEO of AHEC) are reviewing it.
- Taylor asked what their decision making process is, and what is the threshold of student response that determines if they will opt in or not. Tierza and Angela replied that they did not know, but that that would be a good question for Bill Mummert.
- Olivia asked if it was possible to have Bill Mummert attend the next SACAB meeting on October 30th, since that is the day that the survey is due. Angela replied that she thought it would be possible to have him at the next SACAB meeting.
- Angela asked if Olivia would want Bill Mummert to talk solely about the RTD pass, or about all budgetary questions. Olivia said she thinks it would be good to know about the budget in general.
- Dominique stated she thought it would be best if a conversation with Bill Mummert is structured as a Q and A session, since she knows that SACAB likely has a bunch of questions for him. Olivia agreed.
- Angela stated that she would ask Bill Mummert to do an overview of the RTD contract, as well as general budgetary Q and As.
- Jackie stated she is curious if our negotiating options with RTD have expanded in response to COVID, because that is something that the alternative transportation committee is interested in. Angela stated that her understanding is that it is "option A or option B". Jackie stated that she did not think that was a good strategic decision for RTD to make. Angela stated that many people might agreed with that sentiment, and reiterated that RTD should have a new leader in January 2021.
- In the chat, Kathryn mentioned that negotiations with RTD have been a bit of a bumpy road. Angela concurred.

- Olivia asked if there was a way to have uniform information about the RTD across all institutions' social media postings.
- Jackie stated that if anybody had any questions for the Alternative Transportation Committee, that they should share them with her, and she'll pass it along.
- Kathryn stated that it was discussed during CCD's SGA meeting how, according to national data, marginalized students people of color use public transportation more, and how important the pass is to those people. She said that was something to think about since two of the three institutions are majority-minority institutions.
- Tierza asked if the pass can be written off if using grants or loans. Olivia stated she believed this is true.
- Dominique reiterated the importance that the SACAB members to distribute the survey to all students.

○ ACPD Resolution Building

- Dominique stated that Marlana wanted to touch base regarding any ideas that SACAB might want in a resolution concerning APD.
- Olivia stated that she is in the research process as far as ideas she would want in the resolution

□ Position Announcements

• SGA

○ MSU

- SGA no longer reaching out to APD, but instead created the SGA café event, to take place every other week, starting today (October 23rd), from 2-3pm until the end of the fall 2020 semester. It will serve as a safe space for students' voices to be heard. There will be different topics every other week to be discussed.
- SGA has deemed it necessary to open the floor on the topic of police interactions due to the current political climate. Specifically, students' experience with police officers, and their thought about APD.
- They are hopeful that SGE café will allow students to openly discuss these issues in a student-oriented space.
- Last Tuesday, MSU SGA posted on social media about voting, encouraging students to vote.
- The first workshop regarding their SGA restructure will occur next Friday (October 30th) after the normal SGA meeting. This will be led by Dr. Braelin Pantel.
- The land of plenty deliberative dialogue will be co-sponsored by MSU SGA
- George Middlemist, AVP of MSU administration and CFO will be joining the SGA meeting later today (October 23rd) to solicit SGA's input as to the RTD pass decision.

○ CU Denver

- CU Denver's SGA has been focused on voting



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SACAB Meeting

- Last week, in lieu of their Senate meeting, they hosted a voter information meeting, which was productive.
 - Olivia will bring ideas about RTD pass to their SGA meeting later today (October 23rd)
- CCD
 - CCD's SGA is also focused on voting, and getting out the vote
 - SGA is looking into using some of their SGA budget to host post-election. This is still pending and ongoing.
 - Working on October and November community building events
 - Working on CCD SGA's response to APD, as well.
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- ABOD
 - Taylor will not be present during the next ABOD meeting on October 28th, since he will be working as a poll worker that week.
- PODSOC
 - There were no updates, since they haven't met since the last updates.
- FSAC
 - Moved meetings from every week to biweekly, in order to have more productive meetings.
- SCP
 - Brainstormed many ideas for future sustainability.
- Reprogramming Task Force
 - Dominique has taken this on and will have her first meeting next week.
- Public Relations
 - Meet the team project is ongoing and productive.
- Campus Update: Angela LeValley
 - The voter Polling center opened in the Turnhall this week.
 - The volleyball team posted inspiring posters for voters to experience.
 - On Halloween, the main entrance to the Tivoli will move from its current location to the tavern.
- Public Comment
 - Rachel Lorenz, reporter with The Metropolitan, the MSU Denver's student newspan.
 - Hopes our media is covering what's going on with RTD.
 - Linked to a story by The Metropolitan about RTD in the chat.
 - She encouraged everybody to support their local news.
- Adjournment
 - Dominique moved to adjourn at 11:55am. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.