



Student Advisory Committee  
to the Auraria Board

## SACAB Meeting

**Date:** February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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--Present
- Guillermo Ramirez, Ex-Officio--Present

#### University of Colorado Denver

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

#### Auraria Higher Education Center

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

### AGENDA

- ☐ Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - **Marlena called the meeting to order at 11:05**
  - **Olivia motioned to approve the agenda**
    - **Dominique seconded**
  -
- ☐ Guest Speaker(s):
  - There were no guest speakers at this meeting
- ☐ Unfinished/New Business
  - ACPD Resolution Student Org Update

- Debrief on discussion with Safer Spaces authors
  - Marlana mentioned that everybody at the safer spaces meeting was helpful in providing insight into how they formed their own resolution, and with providing feedback to SACAB.
  - The safer spaces resolution specifically did not include a call for bodycams, because they pointed to evidence that shows that bodycams can be used to further discriminate against BIPOC people.
  - Marlana mentioned that the issue of Police bodycams came up during the safer spaces meeting. She said a good point was raised that the data might not support the idea that bodycams change police behavior, but that many students on campus would prefer bodycams anyway.
  - Marlana clarified that SACAB's resolution called for both bodycams and that any incidents captured on camera be discussed by the Community Advisory Board (CAB). The resolution calls for strict guidelines on how bodycam footage is handled.
- Marlana asked if anybody had thoughts about whether the ACPD resolution should include a call for bodycams, or not.
- In response, Olivia asked if the other people in the meeting clarified how bodycams could be used inappropriately
  - Marlana responded that she was not certain that they did.
- The Issue of the current coverage of building-mounted cams was brought up by Marlana, who clarified that "every nook and cranny" of the campus is covered by these cameras.
  - Marlana noted that every camera is outside.
  - Angela clarified that there is very limited camera coverage inside the Tivoli building.
  - Angela also clarified that none of the cameras on the Auraria campus have audio.
- Tierza mentioned that there were 1,300 cameras in the 8 living halls at Georgia Southern University, and that those cameras were able to cover everywhere that was needed, thereby making bodycams unnecessary. Private spaces were respected, she said.
- In the chat, Mariam mentioned that she had read articles/studies that say that the behavior of officers who wore cameras all the time was indistinguishable from the behavior of those who never wore cameras.
- Angela wondered if it was worth it to reach out to the SGAs of other (non-Auraria campus) institutions whose police forces have bodycams. Chris stated that was also his question and wondered why other institutions' police forces have body cams, but Auraria doesn't. There must be some reason why the other institutions do.
- Tierza suggested that if SACAB was to reach out to other Colorado institutions, they should talk with institutions with 15,000 students or larger. This would ensure that those models would more accurately correlate to Auraria's.
- Tierza asked if SACAB had conducted a tri-institutional survey of the student body. Then the data and response rate could be included in the resolution.
- Dominique mentioned that it would be a good idea to perhaps include a question or two about these types of questions with the paperwork that students receive for student elections.
- Angela mentioned that they have conducted a past survey about campus smoking, and that they could likely conduct a similar survey regarding the ACPD.

- Marlana asked if, given the desire for broader student feedback, if the bodycam section be omitted from SACAB's resolution until that data is available.
  - Mariam expressed that she thought that we should indeed omit the bodycam section. She reiterated the studies she had read that stated that officers with bodycams still treat people of color cruelly.
- Marlana noted Mariam's position, but returned to the idea that SACAB represents the student body, and that the students' wishes should be honored.
- Marlana suggested that SACAB spend some time during the next week doing more research and clarifying the data concerning police behavior and bodycams.
- Marlana stated that SACAB received good feedback from the authors of the safer spaces resolution in the meeting with Katherine Martinez and Dr. Nieto, two of the safer spaces authors. The safer spaces authors liked that the SACAB resolution had pointed demands, compared to the safer spaces which covered a huge swath of various topics and was therefore perhaps too broad.
- Marlana mentioned that she had added a couple additional lines to the SACAB resolution
- Marlana mentioned she struck out section SB20-217 from the resolution, since Representative Herod mentioned it was inadvisable to include references to specific individuals in a resolution like this.
- Marlana also mentioned that she went through the 2019 budget report, and that it does talk about how much money ACPD is allocated, but that there is no budget breakdown on where the money goes. She found this disturbing and thinks that the specific budget data should be known so that SACAB and others can advocate for budget redistribution. The new language calls for a specific date on which this budget information be released.
- Marlana also added some additional asks to the resolution in response to some students' concerns that patrol officers who are not actively responding to situations are armed (and that they should not be). Also, the students requested that for many calls, Social worker and paramedic, and only send officers if it is specifically requested.
- This called back to Chief Phibbs' comment about ACPD starting a co-responder program, and how they were having difficulty finding a social worker for that position. But it is possible they have one now.
- Angela stated she had asked about the state of the co-responder program, but that it remains uncertain. Marlana said she could ask about this in the Community Accountability Board meeting during public comment.
- Marlana clarified that the edits to the resolution she just mentioned are merely suggestions, and that she wants input from everybody, given that the resolution is collaborative.
- Marlana expressed that she is a little bit concerned about the contributions made by the other members of SACAB and asked that the members of SACAB make the ACPD resolution a priority item on their schedule for the following week.
- RTD Update
  - Angela had a meeting with Bill Mummert (AHEC CFO) yesterday (18 Feb 2021), and that moving forward, AHEC's hope is to maintain an "opt-in" program in 6-month chunks. About 1,100 students opted-in for the RTD pass thus far.
- Clothing Donation Matching Project

- ASCP committee wants to host a tri-institutional Clothing Donation event for earth day. There would be donation drop boxes throughout the campus, and for every pound of clothing donate, each institution would donate an amount of money to an organization of their choice.
- Marlana stated that she hopes for buy-in from each institution, and that MSU representation is needed. Guillermo mentioned that he would mention this during MSU SGA's senate meeting later in the day.
- Marlana inquired if SACAB was interested in participating as well, perhaps at a rate of \$5/pound of clothing. She asked if there were limitations to SACAB's ability to do this. Angela stated that SACAB is still funded with student fees, and would have to check and report back.
- Marlana plans to bring legislation to SACAB in the following weeks.
- Angela asked about the dollar amount for this event. Marlana said no, and that it was up to each SGA to decide how much money they wanted to contribute.
- Olivia suggested that SACAB offers a capped dollar donation, so as not to overburden SACAB's budget.
- Olivia asked Marlana if the logistics of the event had already been worked out. Marlana stated that it would be a donation event, to be given to a local donation center. Logistics have not gone further than that.
- Marlana stated that Angela mentioned Urban Peak as a possible partner for clothing donation.

#### □ Position Announcements

- SGA
  - UCD
    - Olivia stated that they are planning some events, including a program with university housing.
    - Marlana stated that the SGA is trying to reform their constitution. The senate is looking to establish a permanent sustainability position.
    - They passed the budget for the "what the eyes don't see event"
  - MSU
    - Dominique stated that they have no updates.
  - CCD
    - Mariam stated there were no updates, given that the CCD SGA was attending a leadership conference today.
- ABOD
  - No updates, since the next ABOD meeting will take place on 24 Feb. Mariam asked if other SACAB members had things they wanted noted in the ABOD meeting. Marlana mentioned the ACPD resolution, and how it will be finalized this month. ASCP projects were also mentioned as being of importance, including the plastic reduction policy.
- PODSOC
  - No updates.
- FSAC
  - No updates.
- SCP
  - Clothing donation matching project in early stages.
  - Still working on shade garden proposal.
  - Still working on plastic reduction policy.

- Reprogramming Task Force
  - Still waiting to hear back on the reimagining drafts that have incorporated student feedback.
- Public Relations
  - Birungi will upload some photos to the SACAB Instagram in the coming week.
- Campus Update: Angela LeValley
  - Just a quick check in regarding some burst pipes on campus, which happened as a result of weather, and not any negligence.
- Public Comment
  - No comments
- Adjournment
  - **Marlena adjourned the meeting at 11:51am.**