

## **MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the CU Denver Downtown Campus Faculty Assembly's  
Budget Priorities Committee (BPC)

November 4, 2025

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Zoom

BPC Members: Sarah Fields, Chair (CLAS), Joanne Addison, Vice Chair (CLAS), Kelly McCusker, Secretary (Auraria Library), Ann Komara (CAP), Travis Vermilye (CAM), David Tracer (CLAS), Julia Mahfouz (SEHD), Kristyn Masters (CEDC), Julien Langou (CLAS)

Guests: Heidi Utt (Staff Council Rep), Ann Sherman, Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Cheryl Ansaldi (Faculty Affairs Admin Coordinator)

Absent: Todd Ely (SPA), Tony Cox (Business School)

### **Introduction 10:00 – 10:05am**

- Welcome new reps from CEDC and Staff Council

### **Ann Sherman, EVC for Finance and Administration (10:05am – 11:10am)**

- AHEC
  - AHEC Projects: <https://aurariacampus.edu/buildingauraria/>
  - Parking:
    - AHEC plans for Ballpark project parking AFTER completion
    - Currently it looks like AHEC has no plans for parking for any projects.
    - Funding for campus housing has not panned out, building may be 7 stories instead of 12.
  - AHEC: Status of the KPMG report to the state
    - Starting to move into wave 3 of interviews. Next week there are open office hours for anyone to talk to KPMG.
      - Tuesday, Nov 11: 10am-4pm, Tivoli Multicultural Lounge
      - Wednesday, Nov 12: 9am-3pm, Auraria Library Cafe
    - Benchmarking: Claremont Colleges, Five College Consortium, Colorado Division of Capital Assets, Illinois Medical District
- CU Denver parking: concerns about access to CU Building sites (overcrowded and yet valet spots being held) and status of parking vendor
  - Parkwell has been selected as the new parking operator for CU Denver's three buildings (Lawrence Street Center, CU Denver Building and Business School)
  - Offers 8-day, 12-day, and monthly options
- Ecopass: Lots of questions and concerns about student paying for the Ecopass, but full-time employees receiving it for free.
- Federal and/or state funding updates

- Colorado gets \$0.90 out of every \$1.00 paid to the federal government
- Medicaid is dramatically increasing (average 8.8%/year)
- Governor proposes a 2.6% in-state tuition increase, and a 3% out-of-state tuition increase
- August operating reduction of \$9.5M would continue
- International students
  - It takes three in-state students to make up the revenue of one international student
- Parallel Budget Model: Budget Allocation Review Committee's (BARC) decision about administration vs. academics 35% to 65% split, will now be 34.5% and 65.5%
- Early budget projections for AY 2027: no news
- HR hiring process concerns
  - Ann shared a timeline, asked Turan Kayaoglu to serve on the committee.
  - There have been concerns at the Faculty Council level about lack of faculty on administrative searches, not just at CU Denver.
  - Concerns about people in charge of policies that don't know the policies.

#### **Committee Issues and updates (11:10am – 11:30am)**

- Approval of October minutes
  - Approved
- FA-Central MOU re budget
  - Sarah will share budget, and we will discuss it at another BPC meeting.
  - We would like to be involved in FY 27 discussions.
- Update on D2/D3 contacts
  - Schools and colleges are using these funds in different ways. Some included internal tax to go to the dean's office.
  - Responses did not answer the question of if non-D2/D3 faculty are supported by D2/D3 funding.
  - Admin cannot sweep D2/D3 funds.
- Integrative Planning Group (IPG) for Auraria Campus/AHEC rep for Spring needed
  - Kelly McCusker volunteered.