



**DRAFT RESOLUTION: FACAB AND SACAB VOTING RIGHTS ON ABOD**

**STATUS: TENTATIVE, PENDING FACAB VOTE**

WHEREAS, the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board (FACAB) exists as a body of student representatives from all three institutions on the Auraria Campus with the explicit purpose of elevating and representing the faculty voice, and;

WHEREAS, CRS 23-70-102 creates the roles of a FACAB and Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board (SACAB) representative on the Auraria Board of Directors as only advisory, without the right to vote, and;

WHEREAS, The Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) was established in 1976 to support the visions and goals of the three institutions that are housed on the Auraria Campus and communicates this goal by “Being open to change”, and;

WHEREAS, The faculty entrusts FACAB representatives to adequately provide representation among the leadership throughout the Auraria campus including on the Auraria Board of Directors (ABOD), and;

WHEREAS, Faculty and Students have not been involved in the formal voting process and executive session discussions that occur in ABOD meetings. This prevents FACAB and SACAB from succeeding in their role of representing faculty and students in ABOD meetings, and;

WHEREAS, There are nearly approximately 5,000 Faculty members and 40,000 Students on the Auraria Campus that are not being directly represented in the decision-making process, effectively removing the voice of Faculty and Students from the table of governance, and;

WHEREAS, There is currently no existing infrastructure for faculty and students on the Auraria Campus to be involved in the decision-making process for Auraria Campus. ABOD is supposed to provide that system; however, in its current form it fails to achieve that goal, and;

WHEREAS, ABOD has the opportunity to set the precedent for a Faculty and Student vote within Colorado Higher Education, similar to other Higher Education institutions across the nation, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the CU Denver Faculty Assembly recommends to the Auraria Board of Directors the extension of voting rights to the Faculty and Student members that are the representatives sitting on ABOD to empower the voice of Faculty and Students.