



Faculty Senate Executive Committee



To: Colleen Walker, CEO and the Auraria Board of Directors

From: Metropolitan State University Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Metropolitan State University Staff Senate Executive Committee, University of Colorado Denver Staff Council, University of Colorado Denver Faculty Assembly Executive Committee, University of Colorado Denver Association of Lecturers and Instructors

CC: Liz Goodnick, Beth Pugliano, Ruby Matheny, Ingrid Summers, Tammy Hassan, Sasha Breger Bush

Date: February 28, 2024

Re: April 3 ABOD vote on Auraria Campus Master Plan

Dear Ms. Walker and the Auraria Board of Directors,

As representatives of faculty, staff, and students who work and learn on the Auraria campus, we write to you today to respectfully request that the April 3, 2024 vote by the Auraria Board of Directors (ABOD) on the Auraria campus master plan be postponed to a later date.

We are very interested in the plan and hope to partner with ABOD to help shape the future of our campus. To date, communications about the plan have been sparse, detailed information has been difficult for us to obtain, and the shared governance infrastructure necessary to ensure community participation and feedback in support of a project of this scale and scope has yet to be established.

For these reasons, we feel strongly that the Auraria community requires more time to discuss the plan with AHEC and ABOD and with other campus stakeholders *before* the vote is taken. Given the breadth and depth of outstanding community questions and concerns, as well as the potentially transformative impact of the master plan on students, employees, and community members, we hope that delaying the vote provides adequate time for:

- Community discussion, questions, and feedback,
- The development of a robust shared governance system for master plan management that incorporates student, staff, and faculty reps from all three institutions, as well as other community stakeholders, and,
- Enhanced transparency around the master plan, including relevant legal and financial agreements and documentation, the final master plan document upon which ABOD planned to vote in April, and any alternative plans/visions for the campus previously developed by Sasaki and AHEC during the master plan process and discussed by ABOD.

Thank you for your consideration, support for shared governance, and your attention to the needs of the Auraria campus community.

Sincerely,

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