

Student Response to Naming Mark Kennedy as Finalist as President of CU

S.A.K—Communication Statement 1
Creation of working group and first steps
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On April 10th, the presidential search committee of CU named Mark Kennedy as the finalist of the university system. He has not been elected, but there remain 5 unnamed candidates for office who the regents refuse to disclose. He is also scheduled to visit CU campuses the week of the 22nd, which makes it seem that the regents have informally elected him. Many community members, parents, and student are upset at the choice of the regents to name only ONE candidate. Moreover, many people feel that he misrepresents us.

In response, a group of 7 students have created a working group on April 10th to have our voices heard. For the sake of easier communications, the group will be referenced to as Students Against Kennedy (SAK). We want to involve as many people as possible, so anyone is invited to join and help organize. Through late night Facebook messenger discussions this is what we have so far.

The plan so far:

1. Item: Rally Monday, April 15th at noon at the steps by Norlin Library main entrance
Intent: Spread word, inform, and excite people
2. Item: Planning meeting on Tuesday, April 16th 7-8 PM (Location TBD)
Intent: Plan for a big demonstration on the 26th when Kennedy visits CU
3. Item: Community demonstration against Kennedy on Friday the 26th (Location and time TBD)
Intent: TBD at planning meeting

Points of concern/questions:

- Translating informational material and all communications material to other languages
- How can other campuses get involved?
- How can we involve the community?
- Can we stop/veto the vote?
- If he is elected can we veto the vote?

What we know so far:

- Due to Colorado Open Records law, the finalists for this position must be publicly known for 14 **business days** before the regents can vote to name him president
- Visiting schedule
 - April 22 – CU system administration/CU Foundation
 - April 23 – CU Colorado Springs
 - April 24 – CU Anschutz Medical Campus
 - April 25 – CU Denver
 - April 26 – CU Boulder