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Student Government

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Dear John Rogers,

As the Director of the SSRC, I would like to extend both my own appreciation and that of the rest of the Student Government Association (SGA) for your presentation on September 13th, 2024. As a whole, the SGA endorses the continued efforts and improvements made by the Director of Student Ceremonies in amplifying the campus event experience for all students of CU Denver.

Throughout your presentation and RFI, we found many noteworthy accomplishments for which we would like to commend you – including the mitigation of large-scale interruptions during the 2024 commencement ceremony and the coordination efforts made with many other campus departments to ensure equity-minded models of service for the events hosted by the University Events Staff.

While we all acknowledge and appreciate the strides made to improve the student experience here at CU Denver, the SGA SSRC would like to recognize potential opportunities for further enhancement. To that end, we would like to offer the following suggestions:

1. **An Improved Strategy for Gauging Impact at Block Party:** While it cannot be argued that block party is one of the most unique and enjoyable events here at CU Denver (especially for students who may be new to the Denver Metro area and use the event as a strategy to explore campus and socialize), an exact metric of the impact the block party creates could be useful to the University Events Staff by creating a greater selling point to sponsors. This would lead to more funds which could be used to create a bigger and better block party.
2. **Increased Collaborative Efforts with Student Organizations:** Since so many students attend events like the New Student Convocation and Block Party, it may be in the best interest of both Student Organizations and the University Events Staff to include portions of these events where new students can explore organizations to join. This could lead to greater student satisfaction as it grants these new students even more early opportunities to expand their social circles.

In conclusion, we applaud the progress made thus far and are excited about the potential for even greater achievements in the future. The SGA SSRC looks forward to continuing our collaborative partnership with University Communications and the Director of Student Ceremonies, working together to create a vibrant, inclusive, and engaging campus environment for all CU Denver students.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work in making CU Denver a place where every student has the opportunity to celebrate their academic journey and feel connected to our community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Thomason - Director, SSRC CU Denver