

**INVST Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Fri, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 10-11:30 am MST**

<https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/94119875643>

Our facilitator: Kieran, kieran.white@colorado.edu  
Attendees: Kieran, Sabrina, Maymuna, Melissa R, Althea

Note taker- Melissa  
Vibes watcher- Maymuna  
Time Keeper- Althea

**Decisions & actions are in bold & yellow**

**DECISIONS:**

Meeting minutes from past meeting officially approved- Consensus Reached!  
Consensus reached on our agenda for today's meeting as well

**Annual Events Calendar:** Interest for current INVST students to be more involved when annual events for INVST are planned. Desired outcome is to propose potential ways to address the INVST events calendar and see if we can have/make a new/better plan.

Sabrina- has a slide to share of Annual events:

Summer Programming

Fall Gathering

SOL Project Designs Presentation

SOL Project Final Eval/ Spring Gathering (combined into 1 gathering, effective 2019, this seems to be working well)

Cohort Closure Appreciation Circle (second-year students only)

INVST Graduation

**Spring 2021 - May** The university [commencement ceremony for spring 2021](#) will be held on Thursday, May 5 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Folsom Field stadium. The ceremony is planned to conclude around 11:00 a.m.

Available dates for other departmental graduation ceremonies will include Thursday, May 5, Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7.

What is working well and where is there a struggle?

- The sooner that dates and times can be available the better for everyone. Getting the list of dates for both semesters at the beginning of the year. It could be very helpful.
- Or at the beginning of every semester?
- It's nice at least to have an idea of the schedule as far in advance as possible.
- When possible & feasible: Have a poll about which nights of the week work best for the students

- What is the best timing for this poll?
- During summers before everyone travels together or during reflection which occurs after the INVST Justice Summers
- Ask first thing in the summer might work and then first in the semester ask again....that is an idea.

**ACTION ITEM:** Kieran and Althea will bring it back to their cohorts for a discussion then at the next meeting we will discuss how the conversations went & solidify a plan.

### **Funding INVST students to do their internships and SOL Projects:**

Second-year students would like to suggest this as an evolution that would bring more equity into INVST

Can they bring a budget?

Next meeting we will have a presentation and discussion

**ACTION ITEM:** Kieran to rally her cohort mates & bring them to the next DC meeting with a proposal & a rough draft budget

### **Update on CU Engage Space:**

We have lost 40% of our new office space in the drawings by the architects. We are still pushing for comfortable couches, windows, a microwave, a fridge, plants and art.

Space struggles have to do with resources and power

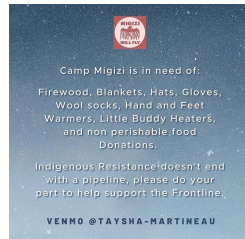
We will offer another update next DC meeting if there is one by that time

Community should know that Sabrina has taken to CU Engage the specific suggestions from our first DC meeting & these have been reiterated in every meeting & on every email where Sabrina has been invited to participate.

### **Community Announcements:**

Elory (aka Mo) is in Wash, DC this week - direct action to prevent & oppose the Line 3 pipeline. Follow along with Mo:

- @indigenouising
- @honortheearth
- @shutdowndc\_
- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2021/10/14/climate-activists-indigenous-interior-department/>
- <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/15102021/indigenous-climate-activists-arrested-after-occupying-us-department-of-interior/?amp>
- <https://apple.news/AhD9Jxoz0TZS33brzdXkBmA>



Housing symposium- Wednesday November 10th 6-9pm

The Housing Equity Symposium is ON! Please go to the city's website and **register**

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/events/housing-equity-symposium>

CU-BAHRI will be presenting at this

Los Seis - November 6th- event

<https://www.colorado.edu/libraries/los-seis-de-boulder-race-and-memory-symposium>

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## INVST Antiracism Study Group

Shared this slide show:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tTFUCVe49hiAQwVkwYHJ2oI9tHAIzXoikJSTPznG7gU/edit?usp=sharing>

Meeting every Thursday via Zoom since June 2020.

Serves as a form of [popular education](#) for a larger community, reaching people off campus & beyond the INVST staff/students and INVST alumni. We serve mostly CU staff, lots of advisors, a few grad students & quite a large number of therapists off campus in Boulder, as well as the significant others of current & past INVST staff & students.

Sabrina wants to simply present on what the study group is like, offer information, & check in and make sure that it's fine how it is?

- Sabrina likes how it is and the INVST students are welcome to join but doing so would be optional.
- For current INVST students: The timing can be hard -- would be difficult as a busy INVST student to keep up with reading the book given the busy semester.
- It feels valuable that the larger community is involved, reaching beyond INVST.
- When it started there was a max of 63 people & we used break out rooms. Since the first book, the group has gotten smaller.
- Now we have a consistent core group of 9-15 people in regular attendance
- They like the smallness for the benefit of the deeper & more vulnerable conversation
- The small group discussion has been nice

- If we want current INVST students to participate more (some already do) then the timing of the study grp might need to be re evaluated -- however, if we changed it we would lose the regulars who we already have
- Suggestion: Option to discuss it & see if the group would consider changing the time so that INVST students could participate -- as long as it does not mean that we would lose any current group members in the process.
- OR, Consider that students could start their own study grp because the Revvies have been talking anyway about starting up some outside of class actions & events & a reading grp was suggested as one possibility ... if this were done, this new study grp could be planned at a time when more students could participate
- One idea could be the current group remains at its current time and is aimed at more off-campus people & on-campus staff who work in departments & units other than INVST, as is the case now. Also offer support for the second-year class to learn how to host their own reading group. INVST would be happy to share what we have done & what has worked well, what the formula & tools to success have been for our current grp, & y'all could replicate these as you make your own grp
  - Reach out to other students on campus
  - Reach out to groups on campus and other programs and clubs that may be interested in similar themes.

**Action Item-** Share with the second-year students this idea and see what they think. Kieran to do.

Agenda Items for the next meeting:

Presentation on funding the INVST students for their time as they work at internships and on the SOL projects

Between now and next meeting ask to look at the INVST event calendar dates and have discussion with cohort about what changes would work best for regular annual INVST events & how they are planned with student input

Student led study group- Will this be ready to discuss again at our next DC? Probably not ... It might depend on Cat and the cohort's Group Time and how quickly they make decisions. Plus, the timing for the next book for the regular INVST study group has already been set thru early Feb so no changes are intended any time soon. We could get a Spring update on the status of this in early 2022 in a future DC mtg.