

Americans with Disabilities Act

Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Edwards Hall, Room 210

2-3 pm

In Attendance:

Amelia Cepeda, Jeff Garner, Jessica Homer, Dr. Dolores Kiesler, James Lee, Tom Mayo, Ruth Rodrigues, Dr. Brion Sever, Amy Vitiello

Note taker: Barbara Fuentes

1. Welcome
2. Updates
 - a. Building/Construction-Tom Mayo
 - Student Health and Life Fitness Center-Construction in progress. Opening Jan. 2020.
 - Central Energy Plant Slab for Ice Tanks- Building construction complete. Chiller installation complete July 2019.
 - WGPU Broadcast Tower-Repair and upgrade existing tower. Repairs in progress.
 - Academic Building 9- Design in progress. Site work construction starts ~April 2020. Open Jan. 2022.
 - Starbucks remodel. Vendor refresh. Construction May 2019-August 2019.
 - Student and Community Counseling Center- Furniture installation in progress. Open Oct. 2019.
 - Cohen Center Multipurpose Room- Infill exterior patio deck to create interior multipurpose room. Construction in Progress. Open Jan. 2020.
 - Alico Arena Phase 2 Remodel- Remodel existing fitness area. Design in progress. Construction start April 2020.
 - Wellness Center Remodel- Design in progress. Construction Oct. 2019-Feb. 2020.
 - McTarnaghan Hall 1st Floor Remodel- Design in progress. Construction Jan. to May 2020.
 - Howard Hall Partial 1st Floor Remodel- Design and Construction TBD.
 - McTarnaghan Hall 2nd Floor Remodel- Design and Construction TBD.
 - Howard Hall 2nd Floor Remodel- Design and Construction TBD.

b. OIEC-Jessica Homer

- Been a busy semester so far.
- No ADA complaints yet.
- The two OCR resolutions are in place and implemented.
- Jeff Garner sent an email to website editors that the new websites need to be designed, tested and launched by November 15th.

c. Adaptive Services-Cori Bright-Kerrigan

- Adaptive Services will be moving to the new location in October.
- Our office will be shut down for packing and moving.
- Testing will still be ongoing but with different hours and in another temporary location.
- Adaptive Services facts to date:
 - 462 new students; 1489 total; Currently 1373 when factoring in graduated.
 - 3,279 exams proctored
 - 1646 meetings with Case Managers
 - 239 tutoring sessions
 - 378 individual course notes were provided
 - 3,379 lab visits
- AS was able to hire an additional OPS Test Proctor, 1 GA, 1 Student Intern and 2 Student Workers.
- AS continues to table at various university events for student awareness and the recruitment of tutors and note takers.

3. Old Business

a. Update on accessible technology recommendations -Cori

- Jeff Garner will update the committee at a later date.

b. Truncated Domes-Cori

- Students brought up this issue to Cori last semester regarding truncated domes in Housing.
- This brought up a need to look at truncated domes in other areas of campus.
- Cori will review quotes and bring back to committee for discussion to move forward for recommendations.

c. Portal Entryways/secondary access –Cori

- Connects doors to apps in order to have them open automatically, but needs an electrical component to the doors.
- This is more concerning for secondary or interior doors like in the library.
- The difficulty is that some doors are fire doors and need to stay closed.
- Many doors are very heavy and some have card readers to enter.
- While ADA compliant, many of these doors are still difficult for students to open.
- Some doors are in the back of a building and difficult to get to.
- Cori will research other potential options and she asked for others to share thoughts as well.

4. New Business- Cori

a. ADA 30th Anniversary (Next year)

- We would like to have a big event on Campus in October, as that is Disability Awareness month.
- Cori asked the committee to think about what we want to do on campus or would like to see us do to celebrate.
- Adaptive Services has sponsored an ADA Resource Fair as well as an Adaptive Rec Day in the past.
- Send your ideas to Cori for resources and funding purposes.

b. Shuttles on Campus-Cori

- There is a need to discuss the shuttle service on campus.
- As of now, there are no shuttles going to or near the new Student and Community Counseling Center building, but Cori is working with Administration on this.
- It was mentioned that many classes are in the Kleist Center as well, and there are no shuttle stops there either.
- It was brought up that students are at risk when walking to and from the Kleist Center, especially at night.
- Cori put this issue forward to see if it would be appropriate for the committee to make a recommendation for shuttles to stop there.
- Ruth stated that it is about \$30,000 per semester to have shuttles run to ETI.
- Other committee members questioned whether there were other ways to transport students instead using the shuttles.
- Dolores mentioned that we need to talk about the need for shuttles in the summer, especially with the heat and rain.

c. Non-emergency rescue situations -Cori

- A situation arose when the elevator was out of order in Lutgert.
- A student in a wheelchair needed to get to the 2nd floor and was carried up but then after class, had to be carried down by a student and a professor after being stranded without help.
- The bigger issue is that there is no procedure for non-emergency situations such as no power or elevator is not working.
- Cori reached out to have a meeting to discuss rules, regulations, liabilities and procedures regarding who to contact when these issues arise.
- Ruth will follow up to see if the nearby fire department is willing to assist when these issues happen.
- Jessica asked if there was a process in place to let AS know when a building or area would be worked on so that we can be proactive with a plan in place.
- Cori stated that Adaptive Services notifies students when we know that work is being done on campus. She also stated that there is a form on the Adaptive Services website where individuals can note accessibility concerns around campus

5. Roundtable

- a. Tom mentioned that he is on another committee and that they wanted to know about accessible furniture in the classrooms, such as adjustable tables, etc.
- Cori stated that AS has placed accessible furniture in specific classrooms but that when AS goes back to retrieve the furniture, many times it is missing and we do not know where it has been moved to.
 - The issue of crank tables was brought up and how they could be physically challenging to have a person in a wheelchair have to crank up the table.
 - Cori mentioned that it is the various sizes of the wheelchair that is more of the issue, but that she will look into alternative or universal tables.
 - AS has adjustable tables in our office and has had to move some into classrooms for student use.
 - AS hopes to have an adjustable table in every classroom in the future.

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting scheduled for November 14, 2019