

Americans with Disabilities Act

Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Virtual

2-3 pm

In Attendance:

Amelia Cepeda, Jeff Garner, Jim Lee, Ruth Rodrigues, Dr. Brion Sever, Elizabeth Weatherford, Keira De Olivera, Alex Pipitone, Cindy Dunaway

Note taker: Cori Bright-Kerrigan

1. Welcome
2. Updates
 - a. Building/Construction-Tom Mayo was absent, but provided the below information:
 - Integrated Watershed and Coastal Studies (AB9)-Construction in progress. Opening Jan. 2022
 - Center for Entrepreneurship (Lucas Hall)- Construction in progress. Opening Aug. 2021.
 - Howard Hall Partial 1st Floor Remodel- Construction Documents complete. On hold.
 - McTarnaghan Hall 2nd Floor Remodel- Oh Hold.
 - Howard Hall 2nd Floor Remodel- On Hold.
 - Southern Scholarship Pilot House 2- Bidding in progress. Open Aug. 2022.
 - 2020-2030 Campus Master Plan Update- 1st Public Hearing April 13 BOT meeting. 2nd Public Hearing/Adoption September 14, 2021
 - Library master Plan Study-In progress.
 - Performing Arts Complex Feasibility Study- In progress.

Alex asked the question about no water being in McTarnaghan and wondered if other areas were affected. Jim Lee stated that the water concerns started with the Library and so parts of the Library, all of McTarnaghan and Howard are without water. He said that the plan is that McTarnaghan will start to have the water issue fixed on Monday, March 29th.

- b. OIEC-Keira De Olivera
 - There have been 16 Title II queries this academic year and last year there were a total of 28, so we are in alignment with last year.
 - Mandatory trainings are 55% complete, with a deadline of April 1. VP's have been sent an email to remind employees to complete the trainings, so there is an expectation that participation will increase by next week.

- c. Adaptive Services-Cori Bright-Kerrigan
 - Maintaining status quo
 - Getting ready for finals and working with students on assistance for the in-person piece of graduation
 - Planning the adaptive rec day event to be held in October 2021.

3. Old Business

- a. Accessible Technology Recommendations -Cori
 - Software checklist is being sent out as part of the package that comes from Procurement. Unsure how many have been returned so Cori will follow up.
 - Elizabeth is going to follow up with Lucas Center to see about trainings for the Summer/Fall semester.
 - Cori talked about a recent concern with the new math placement test that was purchased by the math department. Placement test is designed to be virtual and in-person and a current student, who is blind, tested the software and found many accessibility concerns. Testing and Assessment is following up, but a current example of the importance of the checklist and making sure that everything that is purchased is accessible.

- b. Truncated Domes-Cori
 - Jim Lee is working with the vendor to secure the materials. Anticipates the project will be completed by the start of the Fall 2021 semester.

- c. Virtual map (Campus Map)
 - Cori is finalizing the Student Services script and will be sending to Mike.
 - Information on the accessible parking has already been sent in.
 - Once the student services piece is completed, academic programs will be next.

- d. Soaring Eagles Academy-Cori
 - Cori updated that things are moving along towards students being here in Fall 2021.
 - Waiting on Admissions to finalize the application and once done, we can start advertising for applications.
 - Currently working on educating the campus community on working with students with intellectual disabilities.
 - Cori discussed an event that she is doing with one of the SEA Coordinators for the Lucas Center.
 - Cori also highlighted a couple of events through the D&I certificate program.

- e. Closed Captioning-Cori
 - Thorough discussion on closed captioning. Cori explained that it is necessary to make sure that things are captioned and Jeff clarified the legal requirement and that it is a MUST.
 - Alex suggested that the course evals have a statement asking students about accessibility. Dr. Sever stated that while that is a good idea, course evals are not mandatory and his experience is not many students complete them. Jeff suggested that we use MyFGCU platform to help market the course evals.
 - It was also suggested that Adaptive Services have a specific question about closed captioning on their student satisfaction survey.
 - Jeff suggested that Adaptive Services try a TEAMS group, that would be voluntary so as not to breach confidentiality, regarding closed captioning needs and concerns.
 - Keira suggested that Adaptive Services have a faculty partner program to help with training and getting the word out about closed captioning, and other accommodations.

4. New Business

- a. Student Group presentation—did not show
- b. Meeting times for 2021-2022 academic year—Cori
 - Cori wants to increase attendance at meetings and day and time has been difficult for some, especially faculty teaching schedules.
 - Cori asked that at our May meeting, everyone bring their availability for next year so that we can find a day/time that works with everyone.

5. Roundtable

- Ruth discussed the current vaccine rollout and anticipated plans for the Fall 2021 semester.
- Of all classes, 75% are expected to be in person and classroom occupancy will return to its pre-pandemic state.

- Events and other programming will be allowed on campus, with high risk activities being evaluated for possible mitigating measures.
- Anticipated that masks will still be required for some time and vaccines will continue to be available
- Keira updated that Precious will be back next month and so Jessica will likely return to the Committee as the OIEC rep.

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting scheduled for May 6, 2021