

Accessibility/Disabilities Committee
January 26, 2006

Members Present: Dwayne Allison, Patricia Fagan (Chair), Rey Junco (invited guest), Carla Langdon, Kim Powell, Cathy Weglarz

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 noon. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Pat Fagan had several announcements:

1. Josh Bickford has a schedule conflict this semester and will not be able to attend the meeting until 1:00.
2. Keith Roush, Facilities Department, has agreed to attend one of our upcoming meetings.
3. Pat Fagan is waiting for a list of classes being taught at East Campus to be sent to her.

Discussion items:

1. The committee discussed the recent announcement of the LHU Shuttle between Main and East Campus and applauded the university's quick response to this transportation issue. Since the shuttle is described as a trial service we will wait and see how it works out before making any formal comments.
2. Pat Fagan received an email from Keith Roush that the Facilities Department is currently investigating the problem of maintaining the sidewalks between Main and East Campus.
3. Pat Fagan volunteered to begin work on organizing a TLC workshop on universal design in education for the Fall semester. The TLC is booked for the rest of the Spring semester.
4. Rey Junco reported from the Office of Disabilities Services that Jean Mason, formerly one-third time secretary for the office, has been reassigned to half time for that office and half time for the Office of Student Retention. He also reported that there is a room in the basement of Russell Hall that will be used as the new testing center.
5. The committee would like to make a recommendation to university administration supporting the needs of the Office of Disabilities Services and Pat Fagan asked Rey to prioritize a "wish list". Cathy Weglarz and Pat will inquire of the APSCUF office what the procedure might be for our recommendation to go forward.
6. Pat Fagan reported that Jane Penman has agreed to investigate the possibility of bringing in outside evaluators from the CEC (Council for Exceptional Children).
7. There was a general discussion about the possibility of bringing grants on campus to address accessibility and/or disability issues. No decision was made.
8. A suggestion was made to change the committee's name and mission to include the ideas of "at-risk students" and/or "program accessibility". No decision was made.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 12:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.
Cathy Weglarz
Secretary

cc: Joannette Saba-Sturm
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