

Accommodations Review Board Committee Minutes

May 11, 2011

Present: Heidi Pendleton (Chair), Charlie Whitcomb, Charlie Bullock, Oliver Deeley, Natalie King, Sheama Krishnagiri, VP Jason Laker (guest), Robin Moore, Keri Simmons, Terri Thames.

Absent: Demerris Brooks, Frank Belcastro, Anton Kashiri, Betty Luna, Deanna Fassett, Cindy Marota, Matt Rees, Lucille Surdi and Sally Veregge

Welcome

Heidi Pendleton (Chair) called meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes from 4/13/11

Charlie Whitcomb motioned to approve the 4/13/11 minutes. Natalie King seconded. All in favor.

South Campus Update

Bill Shum presented an update on the South Campus renovation on behalf of Anton Kashiri. Bill shared background information on the project: An ADA survey of South Campus revealed the cost of ADA upgrades would be close to 6 million dollars less necessary non-ADA building upgrades. Fundraising to obtain the capital to rebuild the stadium is not feasible. Due to limited resources available, the main priorities are to address accessibility of the stadium's suites, which is to be remedied with the installation of a wheelchair lift, and to address accessibility of the path of travel from the parking lot to the lift. An architectural barrier removal priorities list identifying seven priorities for barrier removal was distributed to the Committee. Bill stated Facilities Development & Operations (FD&O) will work with the ADA Compliance Office and DRC to further refine priorities. An ad hoc committee will determine outcome of renovation plans, and, following, FD&O will report back to the ARB Committee.

Charlie Whitcomb noted the barrier removal list does not include making the suite's bathroom or walkway accessible (as widths of both are too narrow) and asked it be included as a priority. Bill stated he agrees the items raised are priorities but there is not enough funding. Bill stated a person requiring an accessible bathroom could take the lift down to the lower level bathroom. Bill stated the priorities listed are part of a larger transition plan.

Sheama Krishnagiri inquired why other non-stadium areas, such as the locker rooms, were not included on the list. Bill stated those areas were not determined a priority at this time because they are not high traffic wheelchair-user areas.

Accessible Classroom Furniture Update

Lucille Surdi reported the proposal was submitted to the President's cabinet with support from VP Laker and Provost Selter. If approved, Lucille will seek participation from the ARB Committee regarding planning implementation/maintenance phases.

ATI Update

Charlie Whitcomb reported the ATI sub-committees have submitted their reports and are currently under review by the Provost.

Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) Sub-Committee Update

Keri Simmons reported the following on behalf of Cindy Marota, AIM Chair:

1. The AIM sub-committee met with Academic Senate Chair, Michael Kauffman, to raise the issue of inaccessible documents (books, tests, etc.) posted on D2L by faculty. Michael made the following recommendations for resolution:
 - a. AIM raise the issue with UCCD Chair, Stephanie Coopman.
 - b. Work with the Center of Faculty Development (CFD) on teaching faculty the technology issues as well as holistic approach related to accessibility
2. The AIM sub-committee met with Elizabeth Tu, CFD trainer, and Mark Adams, IES D2L developer, to discuss the issue and determine solutions. The following resolutions were an outcome:
 - a. Mark Adams would post a cautionary statement to faculty on D2L resource and news pages of D2L a statement regarding scanning and optical character recognition (OCR). DRC to put statement in bulletin to faculty as well.
 - b. CFD would look into creating "how-to" videos on making accessible documents.
 - c. With input from Mark Adams and AIM, Elizabeth Tu created a faculty help document : "Is my Document Accessible," which will be posted on the e-Campus faculty website and D2L homepage for faculty reference.
3. CFD is performing a study on individual college performance on accessibility. Results will be reported to the Committee upon conclusion of the study.
4. After Eric Christerson's retirement, the Alternative Media Coordinator incumbent will serve on ARB.

Disabled Student Association (DSA) Update

Oliver Deeley reported the DSA is changing their goals for next academic year to attract more student members. Instead of the focus on supporting only students with disabilities, the club will also focus on educating the campus community about disabilities.

Sheama Krishnagiri recommended DSA partner with other student clubs.

Disability Awareness Training

Sheama Krishnagiri requested an update regarding the disability awareness training agenda item. Robin Moore reported it is unclear who is responsible for carrying out the training. Robin stated she felt it is a DRC action item, and, further, it is not funded. Robin stated HR is willing to partner with DRC in developing the training.

Heidi Pendleton stated HR is usually the department on campus responsible for dispersing training, and Arthur Dunklin, former OEO Manager, took the lead on this training. Charlie Whitcomb stated Arthur took the lead because it was part of the Diversity Master Plan. Robin stated she will speak with Maria De Guevara regarding next steps and report back to the Committee.