



Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Minutes

February 6, 2017 - 12:30pm – 2:00pm

EPASW Room 4013

Attendees: Cheryl Farney, Tamar Heller, Alejandro Castro, co-chair, Patricia O'Brien, Roxanna Stupp, Caitlin Crabb (guest), Deidre (guest – last name unknown), Charles Hounmenou, Christos Takoudis, co-chair, Hailee M. Gibbons, Frederico Waitoller, Jennifer Jackson (guest)

I) Minutes from 12-12-16: Approved

II) Executive Committee Report:

- A) Budget – Estimated commitments this year so far: \$4,140
- B) Survey Meeting with Vice Provost Forman on 12-16-17 at University Hall Office of Diversity (See section III:A)
- C) Diversity Advisory Committee
 - 1) Discussed 'why don't minority students come here?'
 - 2) Next meeting: 2/7/17
- D) Annual Chancellor Meeting with CCSPD: date uncertain

III) Subcommittee Reports:

- A) Survey (Phase 1, IRB completed January 2017, 3 Phases remaining)
 - 1) Development of focus groups and recruitment processes
 - 2) Implementation of survey scheduled next year
 - 3) Funding:
 - (i) Smaller budget due to Illinois budget crisis
 - (ii) Hiring RA, waiting for approval from Office of Diversity
 - 4) Should our survey be attached to the upcoming university's climate survey?
 - (i) Focus on identifying focus groups for now
 - (ii) We will discuss in detail at the CCSPD May 2017 meeting
- 5) ASSORTED QUESTIONS
 - (i) Why is this process taking so long?
 - (a) Not much can be done to expedite the general process. The recruitment process will need help.
 - (ii) Who among the students, staff and faculty are being recruited?
 - (a) 18 years and older
 - (b) self-identify with disability (we will not vet participants)
 - (c) Student group requires volunteers
 - (iii) Is the focus group open to the public?
 - (a) No
 - (iv) How many people will be involved?

- (a) 6 focus groups total
 - Student, Faculty and Staff with in-person and online surveys
- (b) 8 to 12 people for every group
- (v) Have you developed questions?
 - (a) Yes, completed during the IRB phase. All of the hard materials are completed. Recruitment and scheduling is all that's left and needed.
 - Action item: Federico will update the files on box and add the proposal to the IRB.
- (vi) How, when and where will the recruitment process work?
 - (a) DRC as a focus point
 - (b) focus series of emails and flyers
 - (c) focus active recruitment around student functions
 - (d) focus on the Office of Access and Equity to target faculty
 - (e) once we get 8-10 participants for a group, we schedule the survey
 - (f) peer recruitments
 - (g) \$30 incentive
- B) Student Advisory Board
 - 1) first meeting last semester
 - 2) attracted 10 new members
 - 3) main projects
 - (i) petition to expand the DRC
 - (ii) Safe Space Study Session before finals week
 - 4) ASSORTED QUESTIONS
 - (i) How many students involved with DRC?
 - (a) 722 students – low number but underrepresentation due to failure to register with the DRC is a factor
 - (b) expand DRC to enhance promote culture not all students need accommodations
 - (ii) What is “registered?”
 - (a) Students who use/apply for our services
 - sign up process is straightforward
 - ◇ requires medical documentation
 - we take input from students with disability about their experiences on campus
- C) Program - Have not met since last November, planning February 2017 meeting
- D) ACDC – Skipped

IV) Funding Proposals

- A) Caitlin Crabb – Chicago Disability Studies Conference (\$1280 request (\$500 – lunch, \$780 – captioning)
 - 1) Disability and violence intersection
 - (i) present work and practice presentation skills
 - (ii) 84 participants last year
 - (iii) April 7th

Co-Sponsored with Grad Student Council

- 2) Free to everyone
- 3) Evaluation of Conference?
 - (i) Last year was received very positively
- 4) Open to any and all students in Chicago
- 5) Fundraising
 - (i) Access Living non-monetary partnership/support
- 6) CCSPD voted APPROVAL for full amount requested, 10 votes in favor, 0 opposed
- B) Gregory Ajayi – Disability Forum: Making Police-Related injury a mandatory reported incident
 - 1) Vote on Proposal postponed until 1 March 2017 meeting
- C) Tekkie Lomnicki – Christos
 - 1) Theatrical plays centered around people with disabilities
- D) Spring Finals welcoming/hangout – Gregory (skipped)
 - 1) welcoming/hangout
- E) Latinx – need more information

V) Continuing Business

- A) Vote confirming proposal funding dates. 10 votes in favor of revision below. CCSPD will request dates and proposal form posted on CCSPD website
 - 1) REVISED:
 - (i) January 31, 2017 (Feb., March, April 2017 events)
 - (ii) March 31, 2017 (May, June, July 2017 events)
 - (iii) June 30, 2017 (August September October 2017 events)
 - (iv) September 30, 2017 (November, December, January [2017-2018] events)
- B) Helping prospective students
 - 1) (Roxanna and Amber) meeting with Admissions
 - (i) recruiters should bring DRC literature to their meetings with students
 - (ii) people in admissions office need to know about how to serve people with disabilities
 - 2) (Christos) Can we have a disabilities workshop/presentation group to help people to with people with disabilities? First part is a simulation, second part is a conversation/presentation
 - (i) conversation on pros/cons of simulation
 - (a) must consider invisible disabilities
- C) Developing “Travel Grants and Paper Awards” subcommittee

VI) ADDITIONAL NOTES

- A) Jennifer Jackson (guest)
 - 1) Library Resources available for students with disabilities
- B) Upcoming Meeting dates (spring 2017)
 - 1) Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – 10:30 AM – 12 PM (DHSP Room 448)
 - 2) Thursday, April 20, 2017 – 10:30 AM – 12 PM (EPASW Room 4013)
 - 3) Thursday, May 11, 2017 – 10:30 AM – 12 PM (DHSP Room 448)

VII) Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 p.m.