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 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.