

Minutes

MU Chancellor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities

March 10, 2016

615 Locust Street building (Division of IT W106 Conference Room)

Attendees: Michael Hendricks, Dr. Susan Lever, Dr. Kari Laine, Bonnie Greg, Taylor Burks, Abbie O'Sullivan, Dr. Philip Deming, Amber Cheek, Ashley Brickley, Dr. Philip Wood, Chuck Henson, Jim DeJong, Fred Murdock, and Barbara Hammer. Three guest students from Mizzou Unity Coalition- Courtney Harris, Gabby Vest and Chris Filer.

February meeting minutes were reviewed, Amber Cheek made a motion to approve and Taylor Burks seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

1. Mizzou Unity Coalition (student group of 30)

Integrating Tigers- Educational, interactive and resources April 8th from 11am-2pm

- Vendor Fair on Lowry mall
- Goal: people with disabilities to find resources from the disability community
- 13-15 vendors attending
- Food vendors invited

Allies for Access picture on April 8th at 3:30pm on Lowry mall.

April 7th Accessibility Walk @ 3pm

- Campus walk to determine accessibility issues inside building and external

Recommendations from attendees and CCPD members to invite:

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

Employment umbrella consortium group- contact Julie Brinkhoff

Susan Lever- Suggested Mizzou Unity Coalition students contact MSA and ask to be student representatives on the CCPD committee.

2. Chuck Henson- Interim Vice Chancellor for Inclusion

- Inclusion- stressed that disability is a part of inclusion
- Outreach to people; building relationships to make progress
- Division of Inclusion- Does not have an office structure to present yet but it is actively in development. Look forward to returning to discuss in the future.
- Questions?
 - i. Jim DeJong- Thanked Chuck for his work and excited for the future. One suggestion may be to collect the data on the amount of research funding and disability funding the University brings to the community.

- ii. Susan Lever- The number of students projected (1500) to not attend Mizzou. Is this rock bottom?

Chuck- Right now the numbers of students are a projection due to admissions numbers and deposits received. There are many factors that are contributing to the decline in student enrollment and a significant portion are Graduate students. Number could get worse, we are unsure.

Demographics- how many are available to come to college

Interest- how many are interested in coming to college

Competition- ability to compete with other Universities/colleges

Data shows local high school students are choosing community colleges

Careful with assuming this is a 'reaction' to our fall events

Dr. Wood suggested that everyone on campus should be educated on what the Division of Inclusion services are and when someone needs something they have the resources available.

Barb Hammer discussed the need from Disability Center for adequate testing space for students with disabilities. Barb stated campus has made forward progress in captioning of large events.

Concern was expressed about commencement and persons using a wheelchair were told they were not able to shake the Chancellors hand. Something we need to consider as May is approaching.

Dr. Phil Deming- suggestion that we promote all of the good work that is happening. Chuck has a new marketing specialist and believes we will increase positive publicity in the near future. Would like to have his own videos called "chuck talk" or "chuck chat" was suggested. Important to discuss the value of Mizzou and the community together. One idea, Chuck believes we can cultivate the first generation and minority students in our community here.

Working group was established to create transparency and generate ideas, insight and share information. All student organizations were invited to participate. Another outreach program is called "Building a Better Mizzou." Ben Trachtenberg, Faculty Council leader will present shared governance, and how the faculty council fits into governance. More discussions and presentation will continue.

Concern over illnesses in young adulthood- i.e. 24 year old students are in the age range to become ill via biology research (cancer, MS, etc.) There is a concern about giving the student an incomplete as a Graduate student because under the current policy student must finish incomplete to be re-enrolled and it affects their health insurance. Barb Hammer will follow up on this discussion and make a phone call.

3. Amber Cheek discussed worksheet on 'Accessibility Fund Criteria'
 - Gary Ward has agreed to dedicate \$10,000 per year to proactively improve accessibility of campus. Amber will submit 3 proposals for projects to the committee for review in the April meeting.
 - Amber will provide a digital copy to the committee for review