

Minutes MU Chancellor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities

November 17, 2016, 3:30pm – 5:00pm

410 Jesse Hall (Kinder Institute Conference Room)

<http://committees.missouri.edu/persons-disabilities/index.php>

Attendees: Patricia Alafaireet, John Bowders, Ashley Brinckly, Taylor Burks, Amber Cheek, Cynthia Cotner, Bonnie Gregg, Barbara Hammer, Gerald Morgan, Fred Murdock, Abbie O'Sullivan, Ellie Stitzer

1. Approved minutes of the 20 October committee meeting
2. Update on the Missouri Theater accessibility project –Amber Cheek: project is on hold until additional funding can be secured to meet the \$40k budget estimate.
3. Creation of a Central Fund for Employee Accommodations – Amber Cheek: Kevin McDonald, Chief Diversity Officer UM System and MU, has agreed to initiate a Central Fund for Employee Accommodations. Amber will administer the budget which will eliminate the requirement for a department of hiring unit to fund or partially fund accommodations for persons with disabilities. This eliminates a potential for a bias when hiring persons with disabilities. Bowders to send a thank you notes (Chancellor Foley and Provost Stokes).
4. Time and location of CCPD meetings next semester –Amber Cheek: Amber will conduct a “Doodle Poll” of the members of the committee to find a common time for our meetings during spring 2017. We will identify a location after we decide on a time.
5. Focus/Themes for CCPD 2016 – 2017 – John Bowders
 - Follow up on accessibility issues
6. Update on “Ex Officio” position be created for the counselling center – John Bowders: on 02 November, Michelle Marsden, Executive Assistant, Office of the Provost, wrote there is no specific make up of the committee and that we can send a request to Chancellor Hank Foley to add the ex-officio position for someone from the Counseling Center. Bowders wrote an email to Chancellor Foley requesting the additional ex-officio position be added to the committee and he has agreed (Christy Hutton, asst director will be invited to join as the Counseling Center's Ex-officio member). (Done 02 Dec 2016)
7. Student members of the committee: Ellie Stitzer, Courtney Harris, and Gabby Vest – John Bowders: No word from the Chancellor's Office on the official appointment of our

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students. Bowders will contact the Students Association and Michele Marsden to inquire as to the delay in officially appointing our students. (Done 02 Dec 2016)

8. New accessibility issues?– John Bowders

- Stewart Hall, Student Affairs insufficient number of accessible parking spots
- Hospital Access through visitor parking – Gerald met with hospital administrators
- Parking garage access to MOI
- Others??

9. Future CCPD meeting speakers/topics

- Mike Sokoff, Director MU Parking & Transportation, December 15th CCPD mtg

10. Other issues as suggested by the committee

- Black & Gold Campus signs checked for visibility Amber and Gerald. Signs show up well. Contrast is good.
- Hearing assistance: Some hearing devices are available from MU Disability Office, Barb Hammer. Some buildings may have hearing assist devices and the building coordinators may not be aware of the devices, Gerald Morgan. Listening devices have become a specialized and are typically handled on an individual basis (for students). MU Disability Office also assists with “Note Taking Service” and “Captioning.” There can be cases in which faculty members need assistive devices to hear students. Again, likely best handled on an individual basis.

Meeting Adjourned 5:00p

Respectfully submitted, John Bowders