

ADA 504 Compliance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Minutes

The Committee Members present were: Sarah McAbee, Rodney Stephens, Omar Smith, Ashley McLeroy, Lisa Philippart, Jean Martin, Saralyn Mitchell, Jerry Bradford, Suzanne Sims, Steve Clark, Janet Dorning

Guest: Belinda Krigel- (Chair) Accessible Technology and Information Committee

Minutes: The minutes for the November 9, 2016 meeting will be reviewed online and corrected/revised.

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2015 Fall meeting
- III. Statistics Report - Jean
 - a. 94 students were approved during the fall semester (49-Arts & Science, 22-College of Business, 23-College of Education)
 - b. 140 students applied for Accommodations
 - c. 190 Accommodation letters were sent out in Fall 2016
 - d. Assisted Technology remained stagnant
 - e. Note-taking software was the biggest improvement
- IV. Barriers Report - Saralyn
 - a. Free standing Desks were moved to classrooms because students that were obese had difficulty with desks attached to chairs
 - b. Elevator access is too far away from some accessible parking at Waters
 - c. Students who have seizures were moved to different classrooms due to lighting problems in the Classroom Building
 - d. Student on crutches was unable to open doors at Redstone Arsenal (no automatic opener) and it was a long distance from an elevator
- VI. Workforce Recruitment Program - Jean
 - a. WRP has shown great success for students with disabilities gaining employment
 - b. Students are interviewed by federal recruiters for internships (GS-paid)
 - c. 18 students were interviewed, 16 positions were offered, 2 declined, and 16 were extended for permanent positions Summer 2016
- VII. Community Involvement and Visibility - Jean
 - a. Presented at disability awareness month event (SMDC) on the arsenal
 - b. 2016 Spring graduate presented at Arsenal (SMDC.) WRP helped him with employment that he would not have received otherwise.
 - c. DS & CS (Career Services) attended & were recognized at Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services Governor Committee Awards event in 2015 & 2016. DS attended Career Fair for students/graduates with disabilities held at UAH. Many connections were made with employers.

- d. ADRS held functions at Athens State for students
- VIII. Accessible Technology & Information Committee – Belinda Krigel
 - a. Last ADA meeting an Action was established to form a sub-committee to research accessibility needs on campus
 - b. Accessibility and info Ad Hoc committee established Summer 2016; met in September 2016
 - c. Looked at immediate needs (web accessibility)
 - d. Focused on Accessible Technology
- IX. Possible Captioning Solution – Steve Clark
 - a. Docsoft – hardware appliance listens for videos
 - b. Automatically transcribes video
 - c. Ability to be trained (Dragon Speak) by each professor
 - d. Ability to correct words (knows pronunciation of each professor)
 - e. Able to transcribe on website, YouTube, etc.
 - f. Looking to transfer Tegrity straight into Docsoft
 - g. Helps learning for more than just students with disabilities
 - h. Students are able to take videos with them after they leave Athens State
 - i. Recommendations to Dr. Glenn by January
- X. Alternate Text Request – Jean
 - a. From SP16 to FA 16 DS received 67 requests for Alt texts – 31 were denied due to alt texts being unavailable
 - b. Some Professors recorded themselves reading the book for those that were not accessible
 - c. Bookshare, Accesstext, learning ally and some publishers are resources used for alternate text
- XI. Accessible Parking – Jerry Bradford
 - a. Students unable to see parking spaces because paint has worn off
 - b. Need good access passes to get across street
 - c. Need pads before walking into street
 - d. Campus center parking needs work
 - e. Waters and Classroom Building are high priority for accessible parking marking and revision
- XII. Accessible Parking other locations – Saralyn
 - a. Only 2 accessible spaces on phase 1 and 2 in Decatur – long distance from elevator in phase 1 and entrance in phase 2 – once main campus is addressed these locations will be researched
- XIII. Next meeting will be in Spring 2017

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 2:50