ADA Committee Minutes

September 22, 2014, SSC 206, 1:00-2:00

Members and Guests

X  Sandy Parsons, ARC /Chair                      X  Mike Thorpe, Risk Manager
X  Joe Picard, RCE                                X  David Spague, FMS
X  Gina McCammon, University Foundation          X  Rouben Mohiuddin, Faculty
X  Gloria Torbeck, UHFS                          X  Gretchen Tousey, Staff Council
      Linda Vidovich, SHR                          X  David Wymore, FCP
X  Jordan Layman, Web Services                    X  Dan Meloy, Web Services
X  Nicole Sims, Student (ARC)                     

Minutes:

Minutes were not reviewed.

Old Business

Self Evaluation

The ADA Self Assessment was discussed, as follows:

• The Committee needs to prioritize issues and commit to a plan of action to address educational and compliance training opportunities; The preliminary discussion focused on the areas of greatest vulnerabilities, which include non compliance with approved academic accommodations, disparate treatment, and the Accessible Technology Initiative.
• The Committee needs to determine what types of training would be most effective with various campus stakeholders (including understanding the times of year when instructors are more open to training); the institution cannot mandate ADA training to inform. Instead, the committee/ARC are starting grass roots technology training especially because there are new Deans and faculty interested in facts about vulnerability.
• The committee discussed the times of year when faculty are more open to non-academic training.
• It was discussed that accessibility should always be part of the conversation.
• Three campus areas still have not participated in the ADA Summary (Associated Students, RCE and the Foundation). Sandy Parsons will send the survey to these stakeholders.

Transition Plan:

• David Wymore reported that his office is continuing to work on updating the Chico State transition plan and estimates that the project will be complete by the end of the Fall 2014 semester.
• The Committee agreed that the 2013-2014 Transition Plan Progress Report was ready to be uploaded to the ADA website. Sandy Parsons will complete this.
New Business

Election of Committee Officers

- Sandy Parsons was elected Chair of the Committee
- Gloria Torbeck was elected Vice Chair
- Nicole Sims was elected Secretary

General Discussion regarding recent Court Decisions:

- Legality has changed liability
  - Institution has some protection because professors will be held personally liable if they are directed by ADA representative or superior about ADA law and they ignore direction.
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New Accessibility Icon:

- Sandy Parsons announced that the University has adopted a new accessibility icon (photo of icon provided). Thanks to Linda Miracle, the icon has been adopted into the University Master Signage Plan!

NEXT MEETING WILL BE October 27th at 1pm to 2pm in SSC 206

Minutes submitted by Nicole Sims, Secretary