# California State University, San Bernardino CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAAB) Minutes of the March 1, 2018 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – UEC Boardroom

<u>Members Present</u>: Hamid Azhand, Amy Beran, Sarah Buenaventura, Marci Daniels, Doris Egbo, Leatha Elsdon, Doug Freer, Thomas Gaffery, Ilseop Han, Randy Hanlin, Jessica Luck, Richelle Marracino, Leon McNaught, Cesar Portillo, Donita Remington, Jenny Sorenson, Sue Trapp, Jody Van Leuven, Jill Vassilakos-Long

Members Absent: Leigh Connell, Yusra Serhan, David Reyes

Guests Present: Alisha Carnahan, April Wing

Freer called the meeting at 11:03 am

Review and Approval of November 2, 2017 Minutes

Freer approved the minutes by consent.

## <u>ADA Barrier Removal Plan</u>

Sorenson provided a presentation on the ADA Barrier Removal Plan provided by the ISES Corporation. The purpose of the plan is to provide a framework for camps investment in the removal of ADA barriers. The scope of the report included 66 buildings at both campuses. Data is captured in the AMS database and shows a comprehensive facility condition assessment for each building on campus. Sorenson provided an overview of the report findings and some of the proposed solutions for minimizing the reported issues.

Sorenson asked the group to contact her if there are any additional barrier issues that should be included in the report, or if anything else needs to be discussed. Daniels thanked Sorenson for spearheading the call for the report to be completed.

#### <u>Protocols for Ensuring ADA Access During Construction</u>

Elsdon thanked SSD for working along with Capital Planning to ensure ADA access needs are met during construction. Elsdon provided an update on the current capital projects and other construction activities on campus, specifically as it relates to ADA access, paths of travel, and cart paths. Capital Planning will continue to work with SSD to ensure accessibility. Vassilakos- Long suggested that during the planning phase of construction to have someone walk through and evaluate the ADA concerns.

Vassilakos- Long addressed a concern from a staff member in the library who is having to be dropped off further from the library due to the loading dock no longer being accessible. The new drop off location is causing an issue for the staff member in bad weather. Freer provided an update on the loading docks as it pertains to picking and dropping people off. That particular area cannot be made fully accessible and still maintain safety for individuals. McNaught alerted that the loading dock has signage indicating that the area is accessible. Sorenson will check the signage near the loading dock.

Vassilakos- Long shared concerns with the ADA accessibility issues in the library due to the construction surrounding the area. The elevators that go to the second floor are unreliable and she requested that these factors be looked at prior to construction being planned and started. Sorenson will follow up with the Library Dean to discuss the freight elevator access to the second floor of the library for individuals with ADA needs.

Van Leuven shared that there is a process in place that does look at ADA issues prior to having construction planned and started, that in particular, the library deck did have an assessment done, but due to unexpected issues, the project had to move in a different direction. Van Leuven agreed to consider having a plan B and plan C to ensure that ADA compliance is a factor.

Sorenson shared that whenever there is a possible block of travel (accessible path/elevator) Facilities Management is in constant communication with SSD to ensure accommodations are met. Sorenson will continue to have a larger conversation about locking down parts of the library and assessing the impact that has on ADA compliance versus the protection from theft.

## <u>Action Items List</u>

McNaught announced that the PDF version of the Campus Accessibility Guide has been finalized. He also stated that Blackboard Ally implementation is on the radar and will provide an accessible score of classroom materials. A CSU contract in place to roll out our access awareness program for faculty and staff, encouraging employees to participate to get certified in digital accessibility. McNaught sent the survey out to the name the program, please vote.

McNaught provided an update on the Accessibility Technology Initiative annual report to the CO. McNaught shared a spreadsheet indicating where we are as a University. CSUBS is doing well and is being noticed for being an accessible campus.

Daniels noted that while the Campus Accessibility Guide has been completed, it should be brought back for discussion during the Fall Quarter meeting to discuss the next review cycle. Van Leuven will create a committee that will update the guide as needed.

Sorenson provided an update on the adjustable classroom desk chairs. To address the concerns of chairs being removed from classrooms, Facilities Management is working on a device that will allow for a "gps" feature to have on Ipads. If the chairs are moved, it will be noted where they have been moved to and easily found. The issue related to left and right handed accessible desk chairs has been resolved and accessible chairs have been ordered. The challenge is finding a way to get those chairs to comply with weight limits, but Facilities may have to have two separate chairs.

# Issues from the floor

Daniels updated that the student who was stuck in the elevator earlier in the year will be studying accessibility in the UK as part of the study abroad program.

Gaffery updated that Parking continues to confiscate disabled placards for misuse. ADA spaces are not loading zones and they are ticketing those that are inappropriately loading and unloading in ADA spaces.

McNaught asked if there was a traffic proposal for the loop behind campus. Parking is looking at a traffic assessment for additional stop signs and signage on that street.

Marracino asked about the trunk aided dome on the ramps located across campus. They are very difficult to go over them in a wheelchair. Gaffery and Azhand explained that it is a federal law to assist individuals with visual needs but they are aware of the difficulty for others and there is currently a national conversation addressing those issues.