

California State University, San Bernardino
CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAAB)
Minutes of January 29, 2009, Meeting
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Foundation Board Room

Members present: Isabel Rosa Skans, Happy Almogela, Terry Schmitt, Beth Jaworski, Connie Jones, Pamela Chase, Tricia Walde, Cynthia Linton, Dennis Robertson,

Members absent: Tony Simpson, Elizabeth Mason, Arthur Macias, Cesar Caballero, Tera Bisbee, Hideya Koshino, Donita Remington, Julie Williams, Tina Howe, Jessica Rickards, Dale West, Hamid Azhand, Leon McNaught, Jimmie Brown, Gary Sherwin, Eva Sorrell, and Amanda Spivey,

Guests present: Jennifer Lee, Ruth Maddi, Katie Rugh, Michael Wahl, and Kevin Doyle.

Doyle called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., introducing himself and informing members he would be chairing the meeting since Simpson was currently out of the office.

Those present introduced themselves in a roundtable fashion.

Review and Approval of October 30, 2008, Meeting Minutes

Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Jaworski. There were no objections.

Discussion of ADA Capital Projects

Wahl explained the State of California has suspended all capital projects. CSU projects have been suspended for ninety (90) days, effective December 2008. The State was not selling enough bonds necessary for project funding and estimated a March 2009 end of funding. More information should become available in March or April 2009.

Doyle added that ADA capital projects for barrier removal were among those projects suspended. Some local funds on campus are available for small projects (retrofit of SSD door given as an example.)

Discuss Any Outstanding Issues Related to Students with Disabilities On Campus

Jaworski brought forward an item discussed at the last meeting – the need for an area for temporary storage of motorized wheelchairs, scooters, and other similar equipment. Jaworski explained SSD is currently using a shared area in the Pfau Library as a temporary solution, but that an area in University Hall would be better. Currently, SSD staff transfers the student from their motorized wheelchair onto a manual wheelchair and transports them from the storage area to their mode of vehicular transportation. The

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process is reversed when the student arrives back to campus the next day, so they may pick up their motorized wheelchair. Wahl suggested the use of an area in Chaparral Hall as an option, citing the building location in relation to the main parking area as a benefit. After discussion, it was agreed that this item should be placed on the Action List. Facilities Services, Capital Planning, Design, and Construction (CPDC) and Services to Students with Disabilities (SSD) will identify a permanent location.

A short term solution was discussed, ending with the possibility of a wall mounted bracket or locking device for installation in the Pfau Library area currently being used. Doyle will create a work order for the locking bracket installation.

Review of Action List

The Action List was provided to those present. The list was reviewed and updated. An updated list will be provided as a separate attachment to these minutes to the committee members. A few highlights:

- Discuss barrier free vending machines with Sodexo: This action item will now be discussed with Cara Pham (Foundation), who is the current responsible party.
- Provide solution for protruding wall mounted courtesy phones in SMSU: Wahl provided an update of the possible solutions: 1) relocate the four (4) phones to alternate locations; 2) install appliques at cane location; 3) recess phones. Doyle will seek an update of the selected option from Aaron Burgess who manages this non-state facility.
- Added: Area of temporary storage and power for motorized wheelchairs, scooters, and other equipment.
- Added: Transportation needs to and from Observatory.
- Added: Incorporate SSD/Jaworski in Observatory planning.

Items from the Floor

Wahl noted the evacuation areas at Housing do not coincide with what is being distributed by University Police. Almogela explained that Housing's information is correct and more practical. University Police is aware of it and the university's map is pending revision.

Doyle stated the university's access guide should be due for review by the end of February. Wahl asked about reviewing the draft, to which Doyle responded a communication was sent by Vice President DeMauro. Jaworski suggested a review by Rosa Padilla for web and alternate media compliance.

Jaworski stated she has a meeting next week with Al Salgado (CPDC) regarding the Health Science building. SSD needs to notify students of construction site hazards and changes in paths of travel for pedestrians and mobility carts. Sherwin requested Jaworski include Debbie Galvin in the meeting.

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Wahl advised that the Observatory has received Board approval and should receive Chancellor's Office CPDC approval next week; estimate bid opening in March/April, with the start of construction estimated for April/May. Jaworski requested a set of plans, which Wahl will provide.

Questions were raised and concern expressed about the ability of all students to travel to and from the Observatory. Discussion was held regarding:

- Road grade
- Road composition
- Area lighting
- Vehicular traffic

Wahl explained that the road is about 1,400 feet in length and has a blind curve. Traffic will be restricted. There are five (5) parking spaces, two (2) of which are handicap parking spaces. Jaworski expressed concern about the grade of the road and the ability of her existing mobility carts to successfully ascend and descend the grade.

After discussion it was agreed that including SSD/Jaworski in the Observatory planning should be an Action Item.

Doyle sought an update on the process in place to remedy the relocation of accessible furniture in the classrooms. Jones stated it was much improved and thought the signage was extremely helpful. Jaworski added that e-mail confirmations are received quickly and forwarded to the requester.

The next CAAB meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2009, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Foundation Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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