

California State University, San Bernardino
CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAAB)
Minutes of the July 9, 2009, Meeting - 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Foundation Board Room

Members present: Kevin Doyle (chair), Connie Jones, Beth Jaworski, Eva Sorrell, Cynthia Linton, Donita Remington, Happy Almongela, Tera Bisbee, and Cesar Caballero.

Members absent: Tricia Walde, Gary Sherwin, Pamela Chase, Hideya Koshino, Dennis Robertson, Lucas Cuny, Elizabeth Mason, Arthur Macias, Julie Williams, Tina Howe, Jessica Rickards, Dale West, Hamid Azhand, Leon McNaught, Jimmie Brown, Isabel Rosa Skans, , and Terry Schmitt.

Guests present: B. Michael Wahl, Luz Ortiz, Ron Profeta, Norma Montano, Bisan Shehadeh and Ruth Smith

Doyle called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.. Those present introduced themselves in a roundtable fashion.

Review and Approval of April 16, 2009, Meeting Minutes

In response to member requests at the April 16, 2009, to receive draft prior to the next meeting, draft minutes of the April 16, 2009, CAAB meeting were sent via e-mail to members On July 6, 2009. Hard copies were also provided in the meeting packets. Jaworski made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Sorrell. There were no objections.

DisabledGo Website and Services

Information from DisabledGo's About Us section of the website was provided in the member's meeting packets.

Doyle explained that a DisabledGo representative met with President Karnig and other campus employees. President Karnig is interested in the services provided by DisabledGo. Doyle is bringing this forward to CAAB for their review. Members are encouraged to provide input to Doyle so he may present President Karnig with CAAB's perspective of DisabledGo.

Doyle routed DisabledGo's product and the CSUSB Accessibility Guide. DisabledGo uses a standard template for their Disabled Access Information. A specific site or facility may be selected and the viewer can see the accessibility aspects of the site or facility, as well as "extras" (lighting concerns, pathway cautions, etc.) Based in the UK, DisabledGo is interested in gaining a foothold in the United States. They follow DDA which is the UK equivalent of ADA.

Discussion was held regarding the legislative environment in the UK compared to the US, Disabled Go's process, full disclosure, costs, purchasing processes, and university areas that may be included.

When reviewing DisabledGo's website and product, CAAB members are reminded that CSUSB's is on a road to correction; the campus's accessibility components will change through 2012; and CSUSB has a current Accessibility Guide available in hard copy and an accessible version is available on the university's website. CAAB members were again encouraged to provide input to Doyle so he may forward CAAB's perspective to President Karnig.

US DOJ Guide for Accessible Meetings

Doyle reminded members he sent a pdf version to them previously. A limited number of hard copies were available for members at the meeting.

Discuss Ongoing Campus Projects with Accessibility Impact

The Observatory is in process. Accessible parking and accessible travel to Badger Hill was discussed. The observatory will have a total of 24 parking spaces. Plans are in place for the university to purchase an ADA capable vehicle for use at the Observatory as well as other university needs (examples: Commencement, emergency evacuation). Funding and qualified drivers still need to be identified.

Wahl indicated the Observatory was designed so every level will be accessible (restrooms, doors, telescope stations, etc.) Jaworksi requested another review of the plans.

Linton asked if architects have knowledge of ADA. Jaworksi explained they do, but her office reviews projects from an accessibility/user friendly viewpoint.

Wahl indicated the six months restriction on funding for barrier removal has been lifted. The six months restriction will cause the university to fall behind on the September 2009 due dates in the Jackson Settlement timeline. The Jackson Settlement timeline continues through 2016, but since the funding expires in 2012, all projects should be complete ahead of time.

Areas targeted for the September 2009 due date will be reviewed and prioritized based on FTE and unique services. The funding is state funds for use on state facilities. Non-state areas include Parking, Housing, Children's Center, Bookstore, and Commons.

Jaworski stated the Student Health Center walkway was great! She requested CPDC to inform the campus of projects with accessibility impact in a similar method that Facilities Services currently employs. SSD takes the e-mail notification provided to the campus by Facilities Services and revises it to send to specific SSD students.

Doyle reminded everyone that the CSUSB Accessibility Guide stipulates a notification method and the university should adhere to this method.

Wahl stated there are five paths of travel areas on campus that require reconstruction within the next two to three years. The VA/Yasuda pedestrian path of travel is one of these and SSD's cart stop will be incorporated into this project. Jaworski requested to review the plans.

PE is scheduled for HVAC work and restroom and shower renovations during Summer 2009. Doyle again urged that the CSUSB Accessible Guidelines notification procedure be followed.

Discuss any Outstanding Issues Related to Students with Disabilities on Campus

None noted.

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:

- Provide solution for protruding wall mounted courtesy phones in SMSU: Complete.
- Research if emergency preparedness cots are fully accessible. Complete.
- Become familiar with and address the unique accessibility challenges in relation to the observatory's use, schedule, student's methods of reaching the site, and mobility cart operations: Facilities Services is researching 6-12 passenger vehicles with two wheelchair spots, and power operated lift.
- Research what orange wheel stops signify and advise CAAB: Signify faculty and staff timed spaces. Complete.

Items from the Floor

Bisbee was contacted by a student who was on the third floor of SBS during a fire drill and did not receive assistance in being evacuated from the building. The instructor did not know the location of the evacuation chair nor what procedure to follow. Doyle indicated this was Don Soderbloom's area. Bisbee will forward the student's concern to Soderbloom.

Jaworksi informed members that Jones educates SSD students on the evacuation process, going as far as reviewing the student's class schedule and advising them of the process for specific areas in which their classes are held. Jaworki provides faculty training.

Bisbee will take this recommendation to Administrative Council. Jaworski will provide Bisbee with a current Faculty Guide.

The next academic year CAAB meeting schedule will be provided to members once in place.

There being no further business, Doyle adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.