

California State University, San Bernardino
CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAAB)
Minutes of the January 28, 2010, Meeting - 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Foundation Board Room

Members present: Kevin Doyle (chair), Tera Bisbee, Jimmie Brown, Terry Schmitt, Cynthia Linton, Tricia Walde, Beth Jaworski, Connie Jones, Pam Chase, Cesar Caballero, and Lucas Cuny.

Members absent: Elizabeth Mason, Arthur Macias, Jessica Rickards, Rosa Skans, Dale West, Hamid Azhand, Leon McNaught, Dennis Robertson, Happy Almogela, Tina Howe, Gary Sherwin, Hideya Koshino, Eva Sorrell, Donita Remington, Karl Hager, and Julie Williams.

Guests present: Joanne Lauste, B. Michael Wahl (for Hamid Azhand), Randy Hanlin (for Happy Almogela), and Ruth Smith.

Doyle called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Those present introduced themselves in a roundtable fashion.

Review and Approval of September 24, 2009, Meeting Minutes

Jaworski moved for the adoption of the minutes. There were no objections.

CAAB Charter and Compliance with Chancellor's Office Executive Order 926

The CAAB charter and Executive Order (EO) 926 were provided as handouts. Doyle urged board members to review both documents and provide comments to him prior to the next scheduled CAAB meeting. Members were asked to consider if the CAAB charter should be improved; if members of CAAB have the skills to review technical items and Jackson lawsuit compliance; should the responsibilities of EO 926 be rolled into the CAAB charter? Possible options available are to continue CAAB with full compliance with the existing charter; modify the CAAB charter for 100% compliance with EO 926; or do nothing.

General discussion entailed:

- EO 926 Section 5: non-compliance
- CAAB charter non-compliance (example: year-end summary)
- ADA Management Group has not meet in several years.

Caballero stated his strong opinion that CAAB was an advisory board only and does not have oversight responsibilities. CAAB's responsibility is to provide input and recommendations. University administrators have the responsibility for implementation. CAAB is to seek resolution and if unsuccessful, forward it to the ADA Management Group.

In response to Bisbee's question as to who is on the ADA Management Group, Doyle responded it is included in the CAAB charter under the Purpose section.

Chase stated her opinion that CAAB was adequate.

Doyle again requested board members to send him comments so he may e-mail the information to board members prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Accessible Public Phones

Wahl stated some of the telephones identified as public phones in the Jackson lawsuit were actually university courtesy phones. University phones have been replaced with compliant instruments.

Wahl asked CAAB for a recommendation regarding our existing public phones. Public phones are supplied and maintained by Verizon. Public phones can be a cost to the university, because Verizon will remove public phones with low usage unless the university pays the difference in cost.

Jaworski requested the existing public phones remain in UH and PL. They are TDY capable. Housing, SSD, PL, and PDC have video phones. Chase added that cell phones may not work during an emergency, which was her experience during the recent storms but she found that a university courtesy phone did work.

Linton asked if the lawsuit, ADA, or CSUSB determines the number, locations, and/or type of phones. Wahl replied the lawsuit identified existing phones and that university phones have been replaced with compliant instruments. Jaworski responded there is no requirement for the number of phones, but the ones we have must be compliant. Perhaps Don Soderblom could advise CAAB on the use of public phones during an emergency.

Brown advised we do not want to remove all public phones because someone may need to use one to contact emergency services.

Doyle will contact TNS for a list of phones, location, and usage.

Determination of Existing Road/Pedestrian Path Conflicts

Wahl displayed an university aerial photo and a pathway map. Shared vehicular and pedestrian pathways are prohibited.

Currently the "Ring Road" through UH and Housing is a safety hazard. The Ring Road has the appearance of a pedestrian pathway. A proposal is to make the Ring Road a pedestrian pathway. University golf carts, mobility carts, and service vehicles will be allowed usage of the Ring Road in order to conduct university business. Non-state vehicles (personal vehicles, vendors, trash trucks) are a traffic concern and are not allowed on the Ring Road.

Maintained vehicular paths with well defined pedestrian crossings and truncated domes are to be established.

Chase expressed concern about UH toward COE being an especially busy area and asked if vehicles are required to have audible back-up devices. Brown responded it is not required for personal vehicles, only large trucks.

Wahl provided drawings of proposed remedies for review and displayed the drawing of the front of UH. Areas to be addressed in the project are:

- Between VA and Yasuda: modify and add walkway
- HP & COE: existing sidewalks to be made compliant
- JBH east loading zone: connect Housing to SMSU and around JBH and HC
- UH front area
- Throughout SV: existing sidewalks to be made compliant.

Lighting of pathways is also considered in the project.

Jaworski asked about restricting private vehicular traffic on campus. Brown responded University Police enforces and signage is in place.

Discussion regarding university interior trash truck traffic included the location of trash bins and redirecting traffic path; and time of day of service (currently during peak occupancy). Doyle will contact the refuse service to see if service hours can be modified.

Comments regarding the congestion of Commons vehicles and delivery vehicles in the area behind SMSU were made. That area is also impacted by the Health Center project.

Discuss Ongoing Campus Projects with Accessibility Impact

Projects mentioned are:

- Health Center
- Observatory
- Truncated domes
- PE restrooms
- HVAC piping
- PL restrooms
- Switching manual openers to automatic openers
- Drinking fountains
- Service counters at SH and UH bursars

Linton asked if a complete list of projects could be provided. Doyle responded he will inquire of the VP's office if a list can be compiled.

Jaworski inquired about the Health Center fence and Camphor Walkway steel plates. It will be about 2 weeks for the fence to be moved. Doyle will find out about the steel plates and advise.

Review of Action List

The Action List was provided to those present. The list was reviewed and updated. An updated list will be provided to the committee members.

Items from the Floor

Jaworski discussed the high wind policy, stating her office is being inundated with notification e-mails and telephone calls regarding door closures from Facilities Services. She inquired if this information could be posted on a web site. Discussion concluded the web site would have to be managed by a university department with the capability to maintain real time information.

On the same topic, Jaworski also suggested a change in e-mail message title, improved use of building abbreviations, and consistent notice of when doors are reopened. Wahl commented the e-mails are sent out individually rather than inclusive. Doyle explained the e-mails are sent out real time as Facilities Support Center is notified of door closures and reopenings. A suggestion was made for a master list to be sent out via e-mail that would include real time updates.

Since Facilities Services' process complies with the Accessibility Guide, the Accessibility Guide would have to be revised in order for Facilities Services to alter their process. Doyle suggested discussion off line with Jaworski to brainstorm revisions to the previously identified process that would better serve her client base. Doyle will research consistency of door reopening notification and use of building abbreviations.

Chase suggested the information be included in telephone campus alerts messages.

Jaworski stated low vision people are running into the black post that houses the automatic door push button at SMSU. There is not enough contrast in color between the post and the building doors. A request to Facilities Services to paint the post was returned as denied. Doyle explained SMSU is a non-state building and Aaron Burgess would be responsible for Jaworski's request. Since specific information was not available, Doyle will check the work order and provide Jaworski with the details.

Jaworski advised the board members that SSD submitted their lawsuit information which met with approval from General Counsel.

Walde stated Parking Services will send out an e-mail to the university tomorrow advising that Lots C & D will be refurbished the week of February 8, 2010. The work is being contracted out. Wahl cautioned code compliance.

Schmitt commented that people assume you can drive personal vehicles to interior university buildings. He suggested resubmitting regulations to the university community. Brown agreed and will do this.

Doyle asked for a consensus from the board regarding the length of the meetings; should they be scheduled for one hour or 1 ½ hours? The board agreed upon 1 ½ hours. Effective with the next scheduled meeting, the meeting length of time will be 1 ½ hours.

The next CAAB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2010, in the Foundation Board Room.

There being no further business, Doyle adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

