Faculty Assembly Disabilities Committee (DisC)

Agenda prepared by Amy Vidali, Chair
Friday, February 5, 2016, 9a-10a
NC 5018 (Dean’s Conference Room)

1. Membership: Amy Vidali (Chair, CLAS), Leo P Bruederle (sabbatical, CLAS), Jeff Schweinfest (CLAS Advising), Caron Westland (SEHD), Lorrie Evans (Auraria Library), Mark Pogrebin (SPA), Xiaotai Wang (CHEM); Jessica McGaugh (CAM), Collen Donnelly (sabbatical, CLAS).

2. Introductions & Minutes:
   a. Approval of 11/13 minutes
   b. Future meetings: March 4 @ 9a; April 1 @ 9a; May 6 @ 9a

3. CU Denver Disability Advisory Committee (run by Lisa McGill)
   - total numbers: 974 total, 850 DDC and 124 AMC
     - 2007/08: 184
     - 2013/14: 795
   - testing summary: (2700) 1725 DDC, 975 AMC
     - 2013/14: 2612
     - 2007/08: 540 (534 DDC, 6 AMC)
   - deaf services
     - $235,000 (why is this one monetary) (up from $150,000 in 2013/14)
     - contracting out successful, not enough to have our own interpreter
   - captioning: 225 words per min, 95% accuracy
   - Lisa, 7 under (including Susan: 2 FT 1 PT coordinator)
   - 30-40 notetakers a year on DDC, two AMC (less than before)
   - new position for assistive technology lab, job ad changed to incorporate what was “learned” from Boulder suit, two student workers, will hire a third
   - asking for money from Laceys (private)
   - service animal policy changes
   - more autistics, more significant mental health issues (homelessness, etc.)
   - can send videos for captioning
   - need a working group to figure out how to change university policy

4. Disability Information for Faculty website: moving to CLAS site
   https://disabilityinformationforfaculty.wordpress.com/

5. “Accommodations for Disabled Faculty” document
   a. suggested changes from HR and legal (review)
   b. discussed Dean’s Notes, visits (CLAS? Faculty Assembly?)

6. Additional projects? Events?
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4. “Accommodations for Disabled Faculty” document
   a. final version for review

5. Promotion of Accommodations Sheet, Syllabi Statement, and Website
   a. need to form two-person teams to promote and discuss, coordinate schedules
   b. websites to list links
      i. Center for Faculty Development
      ii. VC of Diversity and Inclusion
      iii. Faculty Assembly
      iv. and?
   c. University-Level
      i. could not get on FA agenda
      ii. Faculty Council?
      iii. Center for Faculty Development
   d. CLAS:
      i. Dean’s Notes
      ii. CLAS Chair’s Meeting
      iii. CLAS Diversity Council
      iv. Advisors Meeting?
      v. Amy will do English Department
   e. CAM
   f. SEHD
   g. Library
   h. how to reach other schools?

6. Grievance Procedure for Disabled Faculty?

7. AHEC and Student Commons bathroom issue

8. Disability and Admissions
Committee Members Present: Amy Vidali (Chair, CLAS), Lorrie Evans (Auraria Library), Allan Wallis (SPA), Colleen Donnelly (CLAS; non-voting), Leo P Bruederle (CLAS; exofficio), Jeff Schweinfest (CLAS Advising), Jessica McGaugh (CAM)
Linda Fried (Business), Susan Rexroth (Disability Resource Center, non-voting), Maureen Melonis (Engineering), Caron Westland (SEHD)

1. Metro Access Center Director Greg Sullivan and Assistant Director Melissa Cermak
The majority of the meeting was spent having a great conversation about the Metro Access Center and activities we might model on CU Denver. Of particular interest is checking out their BlackBoard module that trains faculty, establishing an honor society similar to theirs, and giving an inclusivity/Universal Design faculty award each year/semester.

2. SPA & inclusive pedagogy
We discussed the feedback SPA received from CU Online about creating accessible Canvas environments (which was that the responsibility falls on faculty). We discussed the need to ensure that Canvas is accessible and have additional resources for faculty.

3. Captioning grant
We discussed a captioning program hosted through CU Online (http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=8e8a47b5d9207e5e9d42fd9df&id=5e7c385e6a&e=600f825bf8). Amy was accepted into program but could not ultimately participate and will seek feedback from a colleague on how it went. We need to follow-up with Kate Miller at CU Online.

4. AHEAD report
Amy provided an update on the AHEAD report, particularly the outcome of the CU Boulder lawsuit. She is awaiting feedback from UCCS about their process. Amy has not heard back from DRS about their interest in obtaining the report. The committee expressed interest in focusing on online accessibility, particularly the LMS.

5. Future Spring Meeting Dates
DisC will meet on the fourth Thursdays of the month from 9:30-10:30a in future semesters. For Spring, this means Jan 26, Feb 23, March 30, and April 27. Thanks to everyone for their input.