

MINUTES: Faculty Assembly Disabilities Committee (DisC)
Thursday November 19, 2020 2-3 pm
Location: Zoom

Attending: Colleen Donnelly, Gayle Bradbeer, Linda Fried, Christine Sargent, Sebwit Bishu, Michael Greene, Maureen Melonis, Amy Ferrell, Mark Rabideau

Guests: Jane Rigler (Visual and Performing Arts, UCCS), Heather Albanesi - co-chair (Sociology, UCCS), Scott Kupferman - co-chair (Teaching and Learning, UCCS), Jose Tapia-Fuslier (Education, UCCS) *aka Joey*, Jennifer Zohn (Nursing, UCCS)

UCCS disability committee is joining us for the first half-hour of the November meeting.

Introductions were made and Heather presented on the activities of the UCCS Disabilities Committee. These include an active Dream Chapter for students, developing future space in the [MOSAIC Center](#), and the launch of a Disability Speaker Series. The purpose of the committee is to advance the access, diversity, and inclusiveness of the university through disability-related programming, policy recommendations, curriculum, scholarly and creative work, and support efforts particularly for faculty with disabilities. DisC fosters a welcoming environment for all new faculty members and works to engage all faculty with disability-related initiatives.

The combined committees discussed topics that included restarting a DisC committee on the system level, expanding awareness amongst faculty of disability, sharing resources, the [Graduate Disabilities Studies Certificate](#) offered through the Women's & Ethnic Studies at UCCS, and the need for hands-on help with universal design for faculty.

The two groups agreed to create a shared space to share ideas as they arise and begin future cooperation.

Minutes: Approved minutes for October 2020.