

Disability Access Compliance Committee (DACC) Annual Report for 2006-2007

Student Participation Remains an Issue

The student appointee, Robert Blanco attended one meeting. The committee recognizes the value of student participation and acknowledges the challenges of attending monthly meetings in addition to academic commitments. The committee suggests that ASI appoint a student representative that sees that value of participation in this committee and is willing to attend. However, the committee suggests that no student be required to attend.

Committee Activities and Actions

The DACC met monthly throughout the academic year. Meeting agendas, minutes, documents and motions are available at: <http://accessibility.calpoly.edu>. The following summarizes key recommendations and/or actions for 2006/07:

July 2006

- Proposed expanding the responsibilities of the Accommodation Review Board to include resolution of disputes involving faculty and staff as well as students. This action would provide a central dispute resolution body, ensure consistency, and provide an avenue for complaint resolution across the campus.
- Unanimously approved a motion to merge the existing Facilities Access Task Force and ADA Building-to-Building Committee into the Physical Access subcommittee of the DACC.
- Unanimously approved sending a memo to the President regarding the DACC representation on Campus Master Planning Committee.

August 2006

- Met with the Provost to discuss specific issues and recommendations.
- Confirmed that DACC recommendations are sent to the President for approval.

October 2006

- Selected committee representatives to be responsible for working on the reporting requirements of Coded Memo AA 2006-41: "Access to Electronic and Information Technology for Persons with Disabilities."

November 2006

- Defined Physical Access subcommittee responsibilities, membership and reporting structure. This includes reviewing the campus accessibility plan and prioritizing barrier removal projects.

December 2006

- Proposed new "Campus Service Animal Policy". Reviewed draft with Facilities, University Police, Legal Counsel, DRC. Currently there is a national issue of complaints being filed against colleges based on colleges not having "pet or animal policies", thus any service animal policy could be more restrictive and potentially create disparate treatment of people with disabilities. The draft policy was pulled from the Cal Poly Web site for further review and discussion.

January 2007

- Web Accessibility, Procurement and Instructional Materials subcommittees begin drafting plans to address the requirements of the CSU Assistive Technology Initiative (ATI).

February 2007

- ATI Initiative marketing campaign begins with "Think B4U..." emblem; posters and logo to be developed and distributed for use on campus.

April 2007

- DRC and EEF (Employment Equity and Faculty Recruitment) directors provide training to the full DACC as required by the "Policy and Procedures for Resolving University 504/ADA Accommodation Disputes."
- Instructional Materials subcommittee reported successful passage of Academic Senate Resolution AS-654-07: RESOLUTION ON TIMELY ACCESSIBILITY TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.

May 2007

- Several revisions were made to the "Policy and Procedures for Resolving University 504/ADA Accommodation Disputes" to clarify the timeline for handling student accommodation disputes.

June 2007

- Reviewed and recommended additional changes to revised "Policy and Procedures for Resolving University 504/ADA Student Accommodation Disputes".
- Submission of ATI First Year Web Accessibility Report and Implementation Plan and draft Instructional Materials Accessibility Plan to the CSU Chancellor's Office.

Continuing Issues and Action Items

1. Appointment of DACC Chair or designee to Campus Master Planning Committee.
2. Service Animal Policy: Continue review and discussion to address this issue.
3. Policy on academic department roles and responsibilities for responding to accommodation requests (when not barrier removal).
4. Define process for guests/visitors wanting to file an ADA appeal or complaint.
5. Review and make recommendation to the Provost regarding definition of the campus 504 coordinator responsibility.
6. Risk Management's information (web, other) should include information on addressing ADA-related issues.
7. Final review and adoption of the revised "Policy and Procedures for Resolving University 504/ADA Student Accommodation Disputes".
8. Review current practice of using video supervision for accommodation testing.

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References:

PDF posted on Web at: <http://accessibility.calpoly.edu/dacc/documents/index.html>

Motions for 2006-2007 are posted on the Web at:

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