

UMD Commission on Disabilities

September 2018 Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/11/2018

Time: 1:00PM – 2:00PM

Location: Gooseberry Falls Room - RDC 335

Attending: Tim Walters (Co-chair), Steph Knoppa (Facilitator/Co-chair), Pam Merzwski, LeeAnn Myers, Melissa Carlson, Jenifer Barnes, Emily Norenberg, Susan Rhoads, Lisa Kittelson, Tess Linval, Laura Carr, Katey Fornear, Carmel Petersson (and Pedro), Sheri Cooke (community/non-voting)

Absent: John O'Neill, Alissa Stainbrook, Michael Lackore, Gina Pudlick, Sally Bradt, Cassidy Vena, Tiffany Cowen (student/non-voting), Alyssa Hammitt, Ana Hammerschmidt, Liz Wright, Lindsey Tilton (student/non-voting), Alice Bygd (student/non-voting)

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- Steph provided some general information on our mission and goals
- Welcome Katey Fornear! (Office Support of both Central Development Office and Alumni Office)
- Pedro the Emotional Support Animal was introduced by Carmel

- **Highlights from FY18**

- Update of promotional material - brochures, resources lists, standing banner and table banner
- January indoor Accessibility Walk of Humanities, AB Anderson, Sports Health Center
- July outdoor Accessibility Walk of two sidewalk routes and courtyards
- Library Annex display case on Resources and Hidden Disability Awareness
- Wheelchairs and rolling backpacks donated to Transportation and Parking Services
- Electric scooter/chair charging station in Kirby Student Lounge - *NEED TO DESIGN & INSTALL SIGNAGE STILL
- Make It OK sponsorship
- Tabling at Mental Health Resources Fair and Access for All Disability Awareness Ice Cream Social

- **Swag Update** (Lisa K.)

- See [compiled list](#) of items
- Group liked the pens that were passed around, as well as rubber jar

opener/gripper

- Lisa will come up with some spending plans and report back to the group so we can vote at next meeting

- **Budget Update (Tim W.)**

- Our annual allotted budget is \$3,000
- Past FY18 spending has included:
 - \$500 for ODI/DR annual recognition event
 - \$700 new marketing material
 - \$900 Make It OK posters
 - \$750 (?) Wheelchairs and Rolling Backpacks
 - \$150 Accessibility Walk supplies and labels for vending machines

- **Ideas for FY19**

- (Emily, Tim) Disability Ally Training
 - Sponsoring/partnering with Disability Resources on this initiative
 - Looking to get sponsorship level of \$1,000 from partners, mainly for printed material and promotion
 - Projected roll-out of online training Spring 19
 - Goal of increasing awareness and education and promoting inclusion
 - See similar campaign done at Cornell University using [#diversityincludesdisability](#) hashtag and postering initiative
 - Could there be a certificate or 'Disability Ally' sign that can be printed upon completion of training?
 - Could we compile a public list of those who have completed the training at UMD?
- (Tim) Commission on Disabilities Luncheon
 - Kirby Ballroom event with hors d'oeuvres or desserts
 - Invite speaker
 - Look into campus partners, student organizations
- Diversity Summit (CERE) - ways to get involved as a Commission
 - Can we pool our knowledge around the table and bring anything to present on at summit?
 - Can we sponsor an outside speaker?
 - Volunteer at the event
 - Promote the Disability Ally Training through their booklet or folder
- Library Display Case
 - update material
 - promote Disability Ally Training
- Install sign for scoot/chair charging station in KSC
- Guest Speakers at meeting (from May meeting notes)

- bringing in guest speakers every couple meetings would be good: City of Duluth Commission on Disabilities, UMD Parking and Transportation Services, ITSS - Adaptive/Assistive Technology (Mike and Sally talked about TCOIL in active classrooms), etc.

- **Other Items:**
 - Revisit the subcommittee 'action items' from this year at our next meeting
 - (Carmel) The new U Achieve APAS update is in process and currently only using red, blue, and green as highlight colors. Concern has been voiced on issues with people with colorblindness. Waiting for answer.

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - CCT Kick-Off Luncheon: Tuesday, September 25, 2018, from 11:00-1:00, Kirby Ballroom - ALL ARE WELCOME - please [RSVP here](#)

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 1PM - Gooseberry Falls Room/RDC 335