

UMD Commission on Disabilities

May 2017 Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/9/2017

Time: 1:00PM – 2:00PM

Location: Gooseberry Falls Room - RDC 335

Attending: Tim Walters (Facilitator), John O'Neill, LeeAnn Myers, Carmel Petersson, Alissa Stainbrook, Cassidy Vena, Susan Rhoads, Melissa Carlson, Emily Norenberg, Ana Hamerschmidt, Alyssa Hammitt, Jenifer Barnes, Sally Bradt, Charlene Brown, Milan Kovacovic, Pamela Merzowski

Absent: Gina Pudlick, Laura Zimmerman, Tiffany Cowan, Lindsey Tilton, Liz Wright, Lisa Kittelson, Alice Bygd, Erik Larson, Weiqing Zhang, Sheri Cooke (non-voting)

- **Finalization of Bylaws**

- Regarding the amendments to the Bylaws made on 3/10/17 and approved on 4/12/17, the question of whether quorum was met or not was addressed.
- Two people listed as 'absent' in the April 2017 minutes are not considered active members. (Deborah Petersen-Perlman and Wendy Larrivy)
- Based on this change in the numbers, the 51% quorum was met and all present members at the this meeting voted to finalize the bylaws.
- The question was raised on whether our student members should be considered voting members, as quorum may be difficult to reach when many members are off campus. Those members present voted by show of hand that students should not be considered voting members of the Commission.
- The following wordage was suggested: "Active, voting members must be current staff or faculty." - so both students and community members would be excluded.

- **Campus Compliance Walk**

- In April meeting we discussed having another Campus Compliance Walk in Fall 2017, and focusing on Residential Housing and the North end of campus.
- The group agreed that this would be a good idea and that discussion can be tabled until we meet in Fall 17.
- The topic of the Commission following through with the results of our Compliance Walks was discussed, and Tim suggested either a subcommittee could be formed to address this, or the co-chairs would take that follow-up role on. Again, this will be discussed again in Fall 17.

- **Activities/Events Ideas List**

- LeeAnn started a [Google Doc](#) to keep a running list of activity and event ideas
- Participating in Bulldog Welcome Week

- deadline to get information in is May 19th, 2017
 - Emily N. and Peter Martinez from housing will be doing a presentation on Media, Pop-Culture, and Disabilities
 - This might be something someone from the Commission can also participate in
 - Please contact Emily N. if interested
 - Participating in the Diversity Summit is something we would like to do and feel we will have enough time to address next semester since the event is in February 2018.
 - 1K/5K run idea is tabled until next semester as well and we would not hold one until Spring or Fall 2018.
 - Mental Health Awareness campaign
 - poster design - If someone is willing to start thinking about poster designs, we can work on creating these next semester to have an ongoing poster campaign
- **Community Contacts List**
 - LeeAnn started this [Google Doc](#) to add names, websites, and contacts to
 - please continue to add to list
 - we will need to clean it up (alphabetize and add links if available) before adding to website under Community Resources.
 - **Budget**
 - The following items were suggested on how to use the remaining \$1,300 of our FY17 budget:
 - banner
 - catered lunch for meeting
 - promotional materials for the Commission to hand out
 - purchase wheelchairs for campus use
 - follow through with braille labels on vending machines throughout campus by purchasing braille label maker
 - The present members voted by show of hand and approved the banner, wheelchairs and braille label maker to use the rest of our FY17 funding on.
 - Suggestion was made to order a table cloth banner with the Commission name on it for future labeling event
 - Melissa Carlson found company that UMD Admissions has worked with called Maximum Promotions
 - John O. and LeeAnn M. will work on getting banner
 - Tim W. will look into both the wheelchairs (up to 4) and label maker

NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, June 13th, 2017 at 1PM - Gooseberry Falls Room