

ADA/Section 504 Committee Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2017, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
R.C. Cook Union Room A

Attendees:

Chair Ex Officio	Marks Elder	Disability Accommodations
Vice Chair Ex Officio	Scott Dossett	Disability Accommodations
Secretary Ex Officio	Elizabeth Killinger	Disability Accommodations
Ex Officio	Sarah Hill	Physical Plant
Ex Officio	Clint Atkins	Safety Officer
Ex Officio	Robin Johnson	Coast Staff/Past Chairman
Voting Member	Jamie Jones	Athletics
Voting Member	Matthew Quin	Counseling Center
Voting Member	JoAnn Johnson	Research Centers & Institutes
Voting Member	Scott Blackwell	Residence Life
Voting Member	Karen Reidenbach	iTech
Voting Member	Dr. Emily Stanback	Arts & Letter/Faculty
Voting Member	Dr. Gregory Smith	Education & Psych/Faculty
Voting Member	Richard Ladner	Gulf Coast Staff
Guest/Incoming Member	Randy Stogner	iTech
Guest/Incoming Member	Brian Soule	iTech

Meeting called to at 12:05pm

- I. Mission Statement: The mission of this committee is to increase disability awareness in an outreach, grass-roots manner; provide feedback to Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA); offer ideas on ways to increase disability training opportunities and disseminate information about ODA, ADA, and disabilities.
Casey motioned, Scott seconded
- II. Minutes from Spring semester meeting on April 5, 2017
 - a. Audio recorder is used to record minutes.
 - b. Please see printed handout; also available on the ODA website (usm.edu/oda/adasection-504-committee)

III. Business items:

- a. Member Rotation (Began July 1, 2017)
 - i. Karen Reidenbach Spring 2018 (Randy Stogner will fill her position starting Spring 2018)
 - ii. Adrienne McPhaul's position is being filled by Richard Ladner starting with this committee meeting
 - iii. Geoff Locicero recently left USM; University Communications will provide a new representative for this committee by Spring 2018
- b. New Members
 - i. Randy Stogner (iTech) is replacing Karen Reidenbach starting Spring 2018
 - ii. Richard Ladner (ODA contact for the Gulf Coast)
- c. JoAnn Johnson and Homecoming ADA access issue.
 - a. JoAnn updated the committee on this. Blockage for cars and tailgating during Homecoming. No accessible path; no parking management; no security. Not just a Homecoming game issue, but an ongoing issue at football games.
 - b. Scott followed up
 - i. Read emails from Rusty Anderson
 - ii. Dr. Holloway – tailgating by a business in town was in ADA violation
 - iii. The district is problem and has been a problem – sbeen addressed but still an ongoing problem
- d. Emily Stanback – Disability Major
 - a. Beth Ryan as director of this major and Myrick Steven as chair – both had left
 - b. Disability and Society (IDS 151) will be taught by Emily Stanback in the Spring 2018 semester; there will be community service aspect to this course/major; student cap is 25 students
- e. New Business?
 - a. Scott Blackwell: Increase in the number of assistant animals (comfort animals) this year – 11 in total and 6 last year

IV. ODA Report

- a. Growing demand for services continues

- a. Scott updated the committee – 531 students and some are temporary/pregnancy; approximately 4% of students are temporary
- b. Past events ODA has been present for: I went over this
 - i. Summer and Fall Semester Transfer and New Student Orientations
 - ii. New Faculty Orientation on August 10, 2017
 - iii. GEWW on August 14, 2017
 - iv. Person 1st Expo on August 26, 2017
 - v. Scott Dossett gave presentation at Dubard School Symposium on September 13, 2017 – Scott spoke more on this Learning disabilities and dyslexia
 - vi. Scott Dossett gave presentation to Psychology Graduate Students on October 9, 2017
- c. Upcoming events for ODA: I spoke on this
 - i. Physical Access Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 12pm in Bond 114 (ODA Offices)
 - ii. Web Access Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 12pm in Bond 114 (ODA Offices)
 - iii. USM Cultural Fair on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at Thad Cochran Center
 - iv. Commencement on Friday, December 8, 2017
 - v. Spring Orientation on Thursday, January 11, 2018

V. Updates:

- a. Campus Construction and Physical Access
 - i. Joseph Green Hall renovation status and issues
 - 1. 5 handicap entrances when completed
 - 2. Moved handicap spots around near building
 - 3. Completion around January 2019
 - 4. To be used by College of Health
 - ii. Dome – move in January 2018
- b. Web Access
 - a. 90% accessible; goal is 99% per Randy
 - b. RFP is out right now
- c. Canvas – Susan Rayburn – follow-up outside of meeting

- d. Council of Chairs had a student issue of Canvas brought forth last week – Karen was with them last week.
- e. ADA Training – none scheduled as of yet – Scott is always open to speak; Karen recommended that Scott speak to Council of Chairs (they meet the last Friday of every month) – get on agenda as guest speaker
- f. Coast Updates? no update

Meeting adjourned at 12:34pm

VI. Next Meeting: Spring 2018

Meeting date and time for SPRING 2018 meeting will be announced at a later date.