



# Student Disability Services Student Advisory Board

## *Minutes*

Meeting on February 7, 2014

Conference Room of Student Disability Services, Calpulli Center, Suite 3101, San Diego State University

### **Call to Order**

Kelvin Crosby called the meeting to order at 11:06 am. Voting members present were Drew Ausems, Katharine Dizaye, Patty Loy, and Mallory Samaha. Voting members absent were Angie Dauer and Ludivico Estrada. Nonvoting members present were Rita Roberson and Teresa Spoulos. Nonvoting members absent were John Johnson. Visitors were Liliana Morales, Jesse Navarro, and Wesley Raphael.

Board approved the agenda after moving access concerns to the top of the agenda.

MSC: Drew, Patty 5-0-0

Approval of Minutes from 1/31/2014

MSC: Mallory, Drew 5-0-0

### **1. Information / Discussion / Action**

#### **a. Access Issues on Campus and the Web**

- Kelvin reported that he met with a deaf student who has severe allergies and if her allergies exacerbate she needs to call 911 and go to the hospital; however, she cannot call 911 and SDSU doesn't have a text messaging emergency system. Teresa reported that the campus is aware of this student's concerns and is working on resolving the problem. Kelvin asked if SDSU has any video phones, which we don't. Kelvin suggested that the campus put a video phone in the 24/7 room. The board discussed the emergency phones around campus and how the student can press the emergency button for help, even if the student can't speak into it. The board also mentioned that the posts that the emergency phones are on aren't always wheelchair friendly. Some of the emergency phone posts are on grass and not concrete.
- The entrance to Arts and Letters, which is across from AL 201, has an actuator door which is only opening three-quarters of the way. Drew took a video of Rita trying to enter Arts and Letters via this door.
- At the northeast corner of Scripps Cottage there is a deck. The wheelchair ramp for the deck is behind the deck, but there is no signage leading individuals to the ramp.

#### **b. Access Concerns with the Aztec Student Union**

No access issues were discussed.

#### **c. Access Concerns with Storm Hall West**

Drew, Wesley, Rita and Teresa walked around Storm Hall West and made the following observations.

- In the main corridor of Storm Hall which leads to Storm Hall West, there are restrooms across the hall from the elevators. Rita likes that there isn't any cabinetry under the sinks, but she can't roll under the countertops to wash her hands. Rita currently cannot reach far enough to put her hands under the faucet. Rita suggested that one of the sinks be moved closer to the front of the counter and that the faucet be on the side. Rita also doesn't have the strength to open the bathroom door and there isn't an actuator button for the door.

- Rita really liked the elevators in Storm Hall West. These elevators have good lighting, the buttons are low enough to reach, and they beep at each floor.
- In Storm Hall West the doors open outward. When the doors are open the actuator button, which is about a foot from the door, is blocked by the door. If you are in a wheelchair and use the actuator button, it is possible that the door will hit the wheelchair, because there isn't enough clearance between the button and the door.
- The SAB thought all new construction was to use pillar actuator bars versus buttons. We looked at six actuator doors and they all used buttons and not bars. The board understands that there is a range the buttons can be placed in. When using buttons, the board has advocated for the buttons to be in the lower portion of that range. Rita couldn't operate all of the actuator buttons because they were too high.
- To enter Storm Hall West classroom 11 or 12, you take stairs or the elevator to ground level or lower level. We couldn't find any wheelchair ramps for accessing these classrooms. **How does someone in a wheelchair evacuate these classrooms during an emergency?**

**d. Recruitment**

Three board members will be graduating and leaving the board this May, so we will have vacancies in the fall. To recruit for next year the board discussed putting announcements on the SDS webpage and SDS facebook page, handing out fliers at Explore SDSU, and asking Dr. Starr to send out an email to the SDS community.

**e. Budget**

Teresa followed up with Katharine's inquiry on costs for hanging the graduation banner, which there shouldn't be one. The SDS SAB is asking AS for \$600 to cover the Aztec display ad for \$350 and \$250 for board relations.

Board approved the proposed budget of \$600.

MSC: Mallory, Katharine 5-0-0

**f. Spring Newsletter**

The board voted unanimously to make the fall newsletter a fall/spring newsletter. The board plans to handout the newsletter at Explore SDSU.

**g. Bike Lane**

No updates

**h. Member/Officer Reports**

None

**i. A.S. Campus Life Reports**

None

**1. Any Other Business / New Business**

No new business.

**2. Announcements**

Drew asserted that the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.