

DISABILITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 8, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Saunders at 3:37 PM.

Attendance:

Present	Department
LaQuita Saunders	History
Jennifer Rice-Mason	Disability Services
Wayne Smart	Student Member
Michelle Li	Business
Joy Good	Communication Disorders
Larry Morton	Social Work
Bill Hall	Facilities Management

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed by the committee. A motion was then made and carried all to approve the minutes.

Old Business:

- ✓ **Transportation-** Dr. Saunders provided the committee with a copy of the letter sent to the Chancellor and the Provost regarding this issue. She stated that she received a response from the Chancellor who was very supportive and indicated he would investigate the issue and be in contact as soon as possible. Dr. Saunders stated she would keep the committee updated on the status of this issue.
- ✓ **Service/ Comfort Animals-** Dr. Rice-Mason updated the committee members on this issue. It is ready, but the university lawyer recommended that it be sent to the Board of Trustees for review prior to publicizing it. It was noted that concerns regarding waste disposal have been voiced by various university faculty/ students. The students have been informed that this is the responsibility of the animal's owner, but issues with compliance continue to be a problem. The distinction between service animals and comfort animals was discussed again as well.

- ✓ **Access Venue Policy-** Dr. Saunders reminded the committee of the need for such a policy. She has discussed this with other faculty members who were in support of such a policy. She has also researched similar policies in use at other universities. This type of policy specifies that all official university events be held at facilities that handicapped accessible. She stated that she would email 2-3 policies to the committee for review prior to the next meeting.

- ✓ **School Event-** An event to raise awareness about ADA was discussed. Several ideas were voiced by various committee members, but no decisions were made at the time. This will be revisited during the next meeting.

New Business: None

Other Business:

- **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on January 29, 2018 at 3:30 in HSS 4026.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Good