

ADA COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

February 28, 2020

Members Present: Thomas Kearns, Thomas Cardoza, Bill Garand, Brandy Scarnati, Helen Scott, Jimmy Roque

ADA Committee Purpose

- The meeting began by going over the purpose of the A.D.A. Committee. It was pointed out that the Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the President's Advisory Committee. The committee's obligation to the college is to create a climate that respects disability as an aspect of diversity and to ensure that individuals with disabilities are able to acquire and access information, interactions, and services towards their success.
- To help the committee meet its obligations several suggestions were proposed:
 - The committee proposes that it starts making more frequent reports on the college's overall A.D.A. health.
 - The committee will suggest to the Faculty Senate that every Faculty Senate Committee when meeting will have on their agenda the item A.D.A Issues.
 - The committee suggests that they start the process of becoming a standing committee of the Faculty Senate.
- Thomas Cardoza said he will ask Cheryl Cardoza to help put together a short list of procedures that the committee will have to go through in order to become a standing Faculty Senate Committee. Brandy Scarnati said she will also approach the current Faculty Senate President.

Ongoing Business Updates

- No updates were introduced.

Proposed 5-Year Accessibility Plan

- Thomas Kearns suggested in order to make progress on what has been proposed in the "Suggested 5-Year Accessibility Plan" that as a committee they break up the plan into chunks and work at each through email.
- The group talked about what was needed first. Because all the parts are in place, they will concentrate on "The Accessible Purchasing Process."
- Other suggestions were that the committee will concentrate on the "Accessible Classroom" process and the Accessibility Library standards.

TMCC Accessibility Resource Webpage

- The committee suggested to make a "one-stop-shop" where all the scattered accessibility resources are put in a singular resource page. This suggestion will be proposed to the Web Development team.

Facility Discussions

- Non-functioning Wheelchair Access Door Opening Buttons
 - The committee will be putting in a ticket to fix the problem of wheelchair doors breaking down through facilities.
- Unpaved Sidewalk Vista South Side
 - The granite gravel in place of a sidewalk becomes inaccessible in adverse weather, it is a safety hazard. The student in a wheelchair then has to go into the traffic lane to get around this hazard and exit the South Vista Parking lot. Thomas Cardoza says he will measure the length needed and then file an Accessibility Issue report. Then a work ticket will be submitted to TMCC Grounds and Facilities.
- Sierra Elevator #6

- Standard wheelchairs can get through the opening, however powered wheelchairs cannot do this easily. There are protruding shelves at the sitting bars that are at the level of the necks of powered wheelchair users that are a present safety hazard. The committee will be filing an Accessibility Issue report and then a work ticket will be submitted to TMCC Grounds and Facilities.
- Final Suggestions
 - Possibly installing electric tagging for each classrooms location then by using a cell phone app any student can find a classroom. This will be especially helpful for blind and vision loss students.
 - Possible installation of carpet lines in Sierra Building so blind and vision loss students can easily navigate Sierra.
 - Possible ADA Committee group outing to walk TMCC grounds to find likely physical accessibility issues.

Other Items

- Next Meeting Date: May 8

Meeting ended at 11 a.m.