

California State University, San Bernardino
Campus Accessibility Advisory Board (CAAB)
Minutes of the October 02, 2024, Meeting
1:00 p.m.– 2:00 p.m. *Zoom

Members Present: Jennifer Sorenson, Bailey Benedict, Kevin Cleppe, Natalie Cleary, Esther Lee, Jill Vassilakos-Long, Lynniece Warren, Leigh Connell, Abbas Quamar, Grace Munyiri, Kandy Liu, Sabrina Leman, John Baumann, Jay Wood, Lisa Guzman, Richelle Marracino, David Hou, Lori Palmerton

Members Absent: Jessica Nerren, Shana Higgins, Eva Sorrell, Sandra Davis, Steven Vasquez, Robert Garcia, Lahari Gummalla, Michelle Abril, Albina Guerrero, Greg Richardson, Megha John-Babu

Guests Present: Paola Lima

Sorenson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Introduction & New Member Welcome

Sorenson welcomed new CAAB members to the committee and briefly informed the attendees of the committee charge.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Sorenson asked the committee to think of ways how accessibility may be included in diversity, equity and inclusion. This goes in line with the campus's Strategic Plan 2023-2028. A. Quamar would like campus wide notifications to avoid PNG or images as they are not screen reader accessible.

Brainstorming goals for CAAB 24/25

Sorenson asked the committee to propose CAAB goals for the new calendar year. Quamar would like CAAB to support The Always Making Progress support group for students with disabilities. The group is working on being a recognized campus group. Cleary would like a campaign to have departments check and to be kept accountable on having their space be accessible. Quamar inquired on how students report campus accessibility barriers and would like to see various options for students to make such report. Sorenson mentioned that students are able to contact Services to Students with Disabilities, Facilities Planning and Management and Human Resources to bring up any issues but currently there is not one avenue. J. Warren would like equipment/office furniture purchases to be a universal decision and ensure accessibility. J. Wood will try to monitor all furniture purchases to ensure they meet accessibility requirements.

Campus Accessibility Guide

Sorenson asked the committee if anyone would be interested in participating in editing and providing recommendations for the Campus Accessibility Guide (CAG). K. Liu noted that the CAG website needs to be updated with the correct contact information. The site currently states April Wing, who is no longer with the campus. Quamar would like to participate.

Department updates

S. Leman gave updates on the Master of Science, Physician Assistant (MSPA) construction at the Yasuda building regarding ADA upgrades to parking A annex, accessible path of travel and bringing the building up to code. Performing Arts construction is making ADA upgrades to existing site and new fireline is now ADA accessible.

K. Cleppe brought up the new Department of Justice ruling and informed the committee that the campus was already in compliance with Title 2 in which an organization needed to be web content compliant. Eco labs now have AI powered captioning and if Faculty are interested in using it in their classes, may reach

out to Cleppe. ATI report for the Chancellors Office is a report that assesses how the campus is providing services to the campus community, emphasizes on what campuses are struggling with and is an accurate assessment on success indicators. Working on improving accessible emails with screen reader.

L. Palmerton gave an update on Services to Students with Disabilities and stated that they are bringing in 60 – 70 students a week. Scheduling and counseling appointments are currently 2 – 2.5 weeks out.

Sorenson adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: February/March 2025