

MINUTES: Faculty Assembly Disabilities Committee (DisC)
Thursday February 25, 2021 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Location: Zoom

Attending: Colleen Donnelly, Christine Sargent, Amy Ferrell, Maureen Melonis, Linda Fried, Gayle Bradbeer, Sebawit Bishu, Michael Greene, Hans Rosenwinkel

Not Attending: all present

Welcome to Hans Rosenwinkel.

Updates (Colleen):

- Heather from UCCS and Colleen got permission from faculty council to apply for a UC systemwide community. Access and inclusivity committee.
- North Classroom atrium needed a committee to tell them about problems. Talked about at least painting it to create better light. Colleen.
- Amy DEI task force met for last meeting this morning to present on results of the task forces. Part of the subgroup on campus environment. Process for reporting accessibility issue, signage, safety, awareness, DRS funding and support, campus wide accessibility group. Positivity from the energy.
- Mike Greene no more on DREAM currently. Application was sent in April 2020.

Brad Hinson (from THINQ Studio) offered a grad student to design the pages. ALLY for courses.

Today (Colleen) - List of topics for videos and handouts. Group edit the content.

- UCD is dropping Knowmia (was Camtasia), which is a problem because Zoom doesn't keep videos for more than 120 days. Zoom now simultaneously close caption. Need a video on this instructions are here: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/207279736-Getting-started-with-closed-captioning> (skip to user section of instruction.)
- Working with PDFs.
- How to create a community with facts on #s of students with disabilities.
- Ally. Ran many files through Ally and found inaccessible. Understanding disability.
- Discussing proctorial issues.
- Think about actual merits of participation and ways that allow people to choose.
- Late policies benefits of terrorizing students with a 5 minute late etc.
- Assessment might be the overall issue. What students are we losing?
- Biology curriculum reform has allowed a change toward inclusivity. Online simulations are turning out to be a big problem.
- DEI in undergraduate attitudes tracked and seeing a lack of engagement with classes.
- Have access to institutional research tool such to track the differences between people, and it could be tracked. Equity gap and have suggested solutions. No, go for universal design as goal. To get feedback?
- Collegiality. Issues with stigmatization.

Notes for November 2020 and January 2021 were approved. [Colleen – did this happen after I left at 2:55?]

Next meeting 2-3 pm Thursday March 25, 2021. We have reverted to the 2-3 pm time on the 4th Thursday agreed to at the beginning of the Committee year in July-August 2020.