

ADA Committee

April 21, 2005

Minutes

In attendance: Craig Darrough, Kevin Novinger, Michelle Ritter, Jennifer Koebel, Mark Mabe, Don Winkie, Michael Ritter, Ellen Kisker

- Ellen read the minutes from the March meeting.
- Michael discussed the *Career Development/Disability Services Grant*. The survey results have been quantified and the employer and student focus groups have been held. At the next meeting the grant committee will begin to discuss best practices regarding marketing and developing career services for students with disabilities. Craig asked if Career Services ever held career fairs specifically geared toward students with disabilities.
- Ellen discussed the campus accessibility surveys that we are going to try to complete this summer. To hire a professional consultant is cost prohibitive. Instead we asked members of this committee to volunteer their time and energy toward this project. To date, Marilyn, Michael, Ellen, Rick, and Michelle have agreed to assist with the surveys.
- Library call button update. (project still pending)
- Ellen discussed issues related to accessible parking regarding the Hearnes Center and Eder Hall. Ellen and Michael have previously discussed these issues with Ron Olinger. He asked that we submit a written proposal regarding how the necessary changes can be implemented. Ed Harris will provide us with a drawing and cost estimate that we can include with the proposal. Another option that was discussed was to move the accessible parking from the Hearnes Center loading zone to the parking lot across Downs Drive. Finally, it was discussed that we should talk to Jon Kelly regarding the policing of disability parking abuses and misuse. We may want to work with Jon to develop a procedure for documenting that a person truly needs to be using an accessible parking space. This may require the development of a special parking sticker to designate that the person has registered with the Disability Services office.
- Resting Benches were also discussed. Ellen has been in contact with Don Willis (of the Facilities and Grounds Committee) regarding the placement of the benches. We will also be in contact with Lonnie Johnson regarding where the benches can be placed. It was suggested that we draft a SPIFF proposal to submit to Jeannie Crain to help pay for the benches. It was further suggested that we contact the SGA to request the use of Legacy funds to pay for some of the benches. We could place a statement on the benches such as, "Donated by the MWSC SGA class of 2005".
- Don Winkie discussed needed updates and replacements of his A/T equipment:
 - He was able to use \$1500 of Perkins grant monies to purchase 3 software program updates
 - The campus could use 1 more closed circuit television at a cost of \$3500.

- He has 4 computers that need to be upgraded and 2 computers with printers that need replaced
- 4 copies of Point and Speak need to be upgraded at a cost of \$800.
- 4 copies of Zoomtext need to be upgraded at a cost of \$500.
- Don also mentioned that he needs to obtain a 5-site license for *Jaws for Windows* * Michelle needs a copy of this program to verify accessibility of the MWSC Web site
- Mark Mabe offered to take these requests before the computer committee

Jenni raised the issue of only having accessible bathrooms on certain floors. Rick explained that it was his belief that, according to the ADA, the requirement is one accessible bathroom per building.

The meeting was adjourned and it was decided that this would be our last meeting for the year.