

Minutes for November 19, 2007
Disability Advisory Committee

Michele McKnelly, Chair, Mark Gillen, Susan Tarr, Mark Johnson
Absent: Arpan Jani, Nan Jordahl, Lewis May
Guest: Mike Stifter

Michele McKnelly called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

Old Business:

a) Facilities audit

Sue will spearhead the facilities evaluation effort. A subcommittee will be formed to work on the project. Sue recommended that someone who can represent disabilities perceptives serve on the UWRF Central Emergency Planning Team.

<http://www.uwrf.edu/emergency/>

A discussion of additional issues including procurement of equipment and ADA issues during remodeling followed.

- Greg Kohler works with State codes and contracts with architects for on remodeling and Lab Mod projects.
- UWRF needs to implement a system to ensure that facilities are constructed according to specification and that modifications during construction have not caused a project to go out of compliance with the code.
- Repairs do not trigger upgrades to code.

b) Review Student grievances procedure and Review Registrar's Office policy on full time loads for students with disabilities

The committee discussed both of these issues in general. Clearly there needs to be greater coordination among units within the University. The ADA Coordinator position should be the touch stone for all such issues, but the committee recognizes that the ADA Coordinator has a myriad of other duties. Michele will ask the Faculty Senate Chair to confer with the Chancellor on issue.

Additionally the committee discussed other areas, such as diversity where the needs of the disabled should be represented. Sue noted the Emogene A. Nelson Lecture will be on disabilities in sports this year.

The next meeting will be on December 03, 2007
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Library Room 230, Cocklock Room

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35