Disability Advisory Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 23, 2011  
3:00-4:00 pm  
Cooklock Library  


1.  Dr. Julie Jochcum-Gartrell  
Professor at Concordia in St. Paul  
Presented on differentiated curriculum in the Kinni Theater on Friday,  
Feb. 18th, 2011  
The event was well attended and she gave many practical samples to attendees.

2.  Dr. Edyburn  
Professor at UW-Milwaukee  
has rescheduled his workshop for Friday, April 22, 2011  
Expert on Universal Design for Learning (UDL).  He will complement what Dr. Julie offered.

3.  Mark Johnson brought a list of priorities for student needs.  One of the issues is attendance policy.  Eau Claire and Stevens Point are asking their professors to be flexible.  One of the professors at Madison provides a rationale why class attendance is essential in the syllabus.  
Mark indicated he writes memos that request flexibility on class attendance policies for disability issues that can prevent students from getting to class; he gives the memos to the students, so they can present them to their professors.  Mark indicated that it becomes overwhelming for him.  he has 250 students on his caseload.  If it really is a medical issue, Mark can advocate for the student.  Physical disabilities are easier, mental health issues are harder.  
However, we also need to honor the faculty.  What is needed is for the faculty to be able to consult.  Andriel Dees would be the most logical choice for faculty.  There are free appointments for medical issues at the health center for students.  They can also get mental health appointments as well.  Class absences are the most critical and frequent issue.  More students will be coming to campus with more significant cognitive delays.

4.  We are looking at Faculty Development days in the fall and/ or Freshmen Orientation for a panel presentation by (Andriel?, Mark and Florence) on disability services and student responsibilities.  Mark does put items in the Falcon Daily on Disability Services.  Another suggestion was to create a brochure on Disability Services.  Jill will get samples of brochures at next Disability Services committee.  Nan indicated she would bring the priority list of student needs that was gathered to the ADA Office.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Monsour  
Chair and Recorder