Disability Advisory Committee

September, 2011 Minutes

Members present: Mark Johnson, Andriel Dees, Florence Monsour, Imtiaz Moosa, Don Stovall, Travis Tubre.

1. Sandy Scott Duex (Dix), Director of Residence Life from Whitewater is a new supervisor at UWRF.
2. Mark Johnson's office is now located in the lower level of Hathorn Hall.

3. There was an audit this past summer. We are trying to educate faculty about needs of students. We need someone from administration to speak to this issue. There was a previous motion made by Faculty Senate to the previous Chancellor Don Betz that campus Deans would promote training for faculty. Andriel volunteered to speak with the Deans at the Deans Council Meeting. Discussion ensued that it would be helpful to have a training session during the fall 2012 Opening Day. Second option might be January 2012. Suggestions included having the training either at the individual Dean's meeting with their respective college or training directly after the Chancellor's opening message/presentation on Opening Day. Florence spoke to the issue of Dr. Edyburn who presented to the College of Education last year. We would need a year's notice in order to schedule him. Florence and Don volunteered to write a mini-grant proposal to fund a speaker.

4. Mark Johnson addressed some of the current students needs on campus: he indicated that a larger number of requests are coming from students, medical issues that are preventing students from attending class, body issues, students who are not prompt when turning in assignments etc. Mark stated that Thomas Pederson works with students with medical issues and deals with Student Rights and Responsibilities. Mark indicated that he would talk to Thomas Pederson to see if he would be willing to talk to faculty groups about Student Rights and Responsibilities. Discussion followed about emphasizing to faculty the legal obligations faculty have. Mark indicated that the greater part of his job now involves Intake for new students. He stated that the number of students disclosing a disability has risen considerably. His caseload is twice the size that it was 5 years ago. Also the number of medical issues has risen dramatically. Travis state that more things qualify for different forms of disabilities. He indicated that there not only needs to be training for faculty but students as well. Discussion followed that another person was hired to help. Jeff Milliren now runs the testing center. He does not work with students until accommodations have been approved. Jeff does follow up to make sure notes are being taken for students.
5. Florence indicated that she would contact Nan Jordahl about funding possibilities for speakers and Diane Monteith for Fall 2012 Opening dates.

Respectfully submitted

Florence Monsour
Chair and Recorder