

ADA Committee
December 12, 2001
CU 7 1:30

In attendance: Josh Hansen, Judith Martin, Jennean Jones, Glenda Prince and Pat Stowe.
Absent: JB Messer, Melanie Lord, Joyce Morgan, Paula Belcher

Pat Stowe passed out the new Administrative Procedure No 3059 that addresses College web sites. Section E. dealt with accessibility. There was discussion about how aid could be provided through Kathy Wullstein's office and Services to Students with Disabilities.

Pat offered to distribute the new OU web guidelines to members.

Winter FAIR on January 15 was discussed. SSD will be providing demonstrations of adaptive equipment as well as providing information for web accessibility.

Pat tried to explain some of the remodeling schedule for the committee since JB was unable to attend.

Judith requested information from Josh about elevators and the ability for students in chairs to use them. We explained that the SSD office had been responsible for the courtesy signs near each elevator and that there had been articles in the Pioneer in the past to raise students' awareness.

Judith also wanted to know how students in chairs would be rescued from upper floors during an emergency. The safe refuge areas were explained and how the evacu chairs work in the staircase areas.

We also discussed the emergency phones located in the parking lots.....Josh was requested to check the height of those call boxes.

It was reported that the College responds to needs of students with disabilities, but often the funding for those needs are negotiated between departments and divisions. An ADA physical plant fund that would be available to use or rolled over every year might be a solution to funding those projects. From last report, the disability service provider from OU has said that the University does have such a fund.

Glenda Prince suggested that Pat make a request with physical plant during the budget building process.

Pat and Josh reported accessibility challenges for the downtown consortium, and Glenda reported that the consortium would be vacating that building in the future.

The committee will meet again during the spring semester.
Meeting was adjourned.