

## DSPS Advisory/ADA Compliance Committee

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Co-Chairs: Larry Resendez, DSPS Director and Danny Villanueva, VP of Administrative Services

May 27, 2014

In attendance: Adrian Gonzalez, Joe Ramirez, Deputy Eric Perez, Jaime Trout, Gricelda Gonzalez, Dennis Schroeder, Mardell Kuntzelman, Michael Moore, Terry Carter, Victor Reynolds, Walter Bortman, Louis Eguaras, Raul Juarez

Meeting was opened with a greeting from co-chair Larry Resendez.

Committee participants then introduced themselves and shared any relevant updates.

Mardy Kuntzelman (LACCD ADA Compliance Officer) reviewed status of policy E-100 which provided a means by which students are afforded rights to challenge denial of DSPS eligibility and accommodations; the policy also gives students a means by which they can pursue course substitutions or waivers in certain circumstances; the policy has been dormant for some time and was in much need of an overhaul; Mardy worked closely with the DSPS Coordinators in coming up with the modified policy; it will be taken forward to Vice Chancellor Bobbi Kimble who will then take it ahead for vetting through the proper channels. Mardy also provided a brief summary of the meeting that took place with the LAMC contractors who are responsible for altering some of the campus infrastructure in ways to ensure that students, particularly those with mobility disabilities, are able to access the college in an adequate fashion. There is still some uncertainty as to the timeline for completion of the projects that are still required to assure that access to the college facilities are ADA compliant. The committee members agreed that it would be a good idea to obtain a report directly from a representative of the contractor. VP Villanueva can look into this for the next Advisory/ADA Compliance Committee meeting.

Discussed whether there is a need for ad hoc committees to touch on issues related to accessibility; mental health; disaster preparedness. There seem to be some agreement that more could be done in a smaller committee to address issues of accessibility but that there still needs to be more education/training of faculty in and around many of these issues. The committee members suggested training on mental health; disaster preparedness, and course material accessibility via the flex workshops each semester. Larry Resendez and Adrian Gonzalez will be following up with the Academic Senate to gain approval for changes in terms of how faculty can obtain videos for courses that are automatically closed captioned (internet based).

Larry Resendez provided an update on a recent training for staff and faculty on Best Practices in Working with Students with Disabilities. The workshop covered ways that DSPS, the student with a disability and the faculty can work together to assure that accommodations are being provided in a timely, appropriate way.

Next meeting is slated for Tuesday August 26, 2014