

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

Disability Issues Administrative Advisory Committee (DIAAC)

The Disability Issues Administrative Advisory Committee advises the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor (through the Associate Executive Vice Chancellor – Campus Community Relations) on issues, policies, and procedures affecting persons with disabilities related to access to employment and educational opportunities, and removal of the physical barriers. The committee, which meets monthly during the academic year, includes more than 20 faculty, student, and staff members.

DIAAC continues its active role in building awareness and support regarding disability related issues. Programs like the annual Disability Awareness Symposium and Accessible Technology Fair as well as, Global Accessibility Awareness Day are essential in educating the campus community about disability issues. DIAAC also continues to monitor and recommend initiatives/activities to improve accessibility of the learning/working environment for students, staff, and faculty at UC Davis.

Progress on Recommendations from 2013-2014 DIAAC Annual Report during 2013-2014:

- Presented Disability Awareness Symposium and Accessible Technology Fair on Service Dogs and the innovation in medicine and other areas and DIAAC assisted with the 4th Global Accessibility Awareness Day (May).
- DIAAC's Chair provided presentation for UC Davis Advisors on "STAY DAY".
- Continue to support and collaborate with Undergraduate Education regarding the testing center initiative to address exam accommodations.
- Successfully monitored and consulted on new arboretum projects to ensure accessibility.
- Continue to monitor the Mobility Assistance Shuttle (MAS) and keep up to date on new services and planned retirements.
- Monitored and supported electronic accessibility initiatives, including procurement.

DIAAC Goals for 2016-2017:

- Present Disability Awareness Symposium on Traumatic Brain Injuries.
- Collaborate with the Diversity and Inclusion committee to include support for individuals with disabilities.
- Review/assist in researching and implementing indoor/outdoor wayfinding services for students on campus.
- Create and maintain student centered committee to address the needs of students who want to express accessibility concerns with peers instead of staff due to intimidation of authority figures.

Recommendations/Request for Chancellor/Provost:

1. Continue to gather specific demographics data from/about campus community members with disabilities.
2. Request Staff Development to review what on-line/classroom training programs are, or should be, offered on issues related to disability awareness, compliance, and accessibility. Recommend

collaborating with a third party training program such as EASI.cc to provide training to the campus community.

3. Request Human Resources to review IT position descriptions and update to address accessibility awareness.
4. The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and other senior officials as appropriate convene a task-force to develop a plan for centralized, sustainable and permanent funding for federally/state mandated disability services for students, staff, and faculty.

Summary of 2015-2016 DIAAC Subcommittee Activities:

Disability Awareness Symposium Subcommittee:

The Symposium subcommittee organized and held two concurrent campus-wide events to celebrate national Disability Month and California Disability History Week on October 28th, 2015, featuring Dina Zaphiris in a symposium on "Service Animals." The symposium focused on the differences between Service, Emotional Support and Therapy animals and the laws that surround individuals and their animal companions. The Symposium also explored the innovative ways Service Animals are being used in medicine and other areas. The Accessibility Faire highlighted campus and community resources, vendors and demonstrations of adaptive equipment.

The Fall 2016 Symposium and Accessibility Faire is scheduled for October 12th, 2015. Topic: Traumatic Brain Injuries.

Arboretum Subcommittee:

Consistent with prior DIAAC recommendations, accessibility of the UC Davis Arboretum has a high priority. 2015-16 continued to implement accessibility improvements for the path, and are including a way to assess student projects before they are implemented to the Arboretum.

Academic Accommodations Subcommittee:

This year the testing center comprised of Undergraduate Education, the Student Disability Center (SDC) and Student Judicial Affairs. The testing center is still in pilot phase and has been moved to Hart as of summer 2016. Student proctors continue to be vetted through Student Judicial Affairs before hiring, technology has been purchased to assist with exam accommodation needs, and direct access to the SDC's database has been granted to UE staff in need.

Transportation Issues: (Russ Zochowski)

The Transportation & Parking Administrative Advisory Committee (TPAAC) most recently met on May 12, 2016. The committee was scheduled to meet on May 31, but that meeting was cancelled by TAPS Director & TPAAC Chair Cliff Contreras because too many members responded to the pre-meeting email notification, indicating that they would not be attending the meeting, so we would not have had a sufficient number of members present to constitute a quorum.

The first item of concern was the Mobility Assistance Shuttle (MAS) service, currently operated by Campus Recreation & Unions (CRU). CRU would like to discontinue MAS operation because of insufficient funding for student staff salaries, golf cart maintenance/replacement, & overhead. One meeting was held between Transportation and Parking Service (TAPS) Director Contreras, MAS supervisors, Student Affairs Executive Vice Chancellor for Divisional Resources John Campbell, and members of the UC Davis campus Police Department, to discuss transitioning the MAS service.

Possibilities discussed include moving MAS to TAPS or the UCD Police Department. As things currently stand, it appears as if CRU will continue to operate MAS (at least) through fall quarter 2016.

The second issue discussed at the May 12 TPAAC meeting was the shuttle service between the UC Davis Health System in Sacramento & the campus. On June 6, 2016, All West Charter Bus Company assumed responsibility for providing hourly shuttle service between the campus & Health System, under a 2-year contract signed in Spring Quarter 2016. After the two year contract expires, the DIAAC Transportation Chair was told by Health System shuttle drivers, that Yolo Bus will assume shuttle service responsibility between the two campuses.

The third item discussed was the impending retirement of TAPS Bicycle Coordinator David Takemoto-Weerts, who will be replaced by the Davis City Bike Coordinator Tim Bustos, as of July 1, 2016.

The final subject discussed was the impending campus growth and the parking challenges that it will create. TAPS plans to implement a stack parking service.

[E-Access:](#)

In August 2013, the Office of the President adopted an Information Technology Accessibility Policy reaffirming the UC's commitment to ensuring an information technology environment accessible to all, including individuals with disabilities. The policy mandates that all UC campuses have mechanisms for overseeing the implementation of IT accessibility programs and promoting coordination with system-wide IT accessibility initiatives. The Committee includes the following subgroups, Captioning, Teaching and Learning, Web Presence, Training and Documentation, Awareness, and Procurement. A report is being prepared for the Provost.

The Accessible Technology Coordinator was hired this summer and is currently working with ATS.

[Web Resources Subcommittee:](#)

The Web Resources Committee worked with the Web Presence group from the E-Access committee to update the accessibility website. The revised site is in development, and is expected to launch by Fall Quarter.