President's Advisory Committee on Disability Issues
October 25, 2018 · Green Room, Main Library · 3:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes

Voting members: S. Bryant, Chair, P. Pasik, K. Luokkala, M. Miller, E. Mushaka, C. Owen, C. Okolo, S. Stofflet, Z. McLaughlin
Ex-Officio members: K. Pennock, G. Pierce, K. High McCord, M. Hudson, J. Pedraza, S. Swierenga

The chair convened the meeting at 3:05p and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved. The draft minutes of the September meeting were approved by voting members with recommended changes.

Old Business:

- There was no update on the interim president's opinion of the PACDI RVSM recommendations. K. Luokkala indicated that she will make an effort to obtain a status report from the Sr. Advisor to the President for Diversity, who was absent from the meeting.
- The chair reported that an article about PACDI that she authored appeared in "Source", the MSU Human Resources newsletter on October 24th. The article was in recognition of "National Disability Employment Awareness Month." The chair agreed to send the article to PACDI members.
- E. Mushaka, also a member of the Council for Students with Disabilities (CSD), reported that due to CSD's busy schedule and the short turnaround time, it would not be able to collaborate with PACDI this year to co-sponsor an initiative in recognition of "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" in October. However, the topic will be placed on CSD's agenda in the spring with a recommendation that work begin over the summer for the October 2019 recognition.

- A significant amount of discussion involved PACDI's web page and uploaded documents are not accessible which everyone agreed was a serious concern and should be a priority for PACDI. The committee asked that work begin immediately to correct the situation. The chair will seek advice from Communications and Brand Strategy as to how to initiate the project and to work with Academic Governance to change the reference to PACDI on its website from a PDF to a link to the updated PACDI web page(s).

New Business:

- Continuing the discussion about accessible websites, PACDI members Rob McCurdy, MSU Chief Information Officer invited to the November meeting to provide an update on the reorganization of IT services at MSU. Two specific questions that PACDI would like Mr. McCurdy to receive in advance of the meeting and to address at the meeting are:
    1. What is his perspective on the centralized changes in IT Services and how those changes will impact inclusion?
    2. How are services going to be coordinated?

Members should send additional questions to the chair by November 9th for them to be included in the communication to Mr. McCurdy.

Other Business:

A voting member has requested that PACDI Bylaws be discussed at a future meeting. More specifically, the focus of the discussion will be PACDI's voting structure that grants the right to vote on committee business to members nominated by MSU organizations/units and appointed by the President and not ex-officio representatives assigned by administrative units that provide updates and support to the committee.

Announcements:

- MSU's Usability/Accessibility Research and Consulting will host Michigan's 16th annual "World Usability Day" event on November 8, 2018. The year's global theme is "Design for Good or Evil."

- The Accessible Learning Conference will be on December 6-7, 2018.

- A new Dean of Students position is on the October 26th MSU Board of Trustees agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.