

**President's Advisory Committee on Disability Issues**  
**Minutes of meeting**  
**September 27, 2018 · 443 Administration Building · 3pm**

Chair Bryant called the meeting to order at 3:05p; introductions followed.

Voting members approved the meeting agenda and minutes of the August 27, 2018 orientation.

**Unfinished business:**

- Elections – the order of the agenda changed due to the late arrival of P. Pasik, a candidate for the vice chair position.

**PACDI Website:** After discussion, members requested the following:

- Update PACDI members list.
- Add current minutes of meetings.
- Remove the older version of the website, leaving the most current.
- Add the January 30, 2018 National Council on Disability report, "Not on the Radar: Sexual Assault of College Students with Disabilities."

**Update on PACDI RVSM Subcommittee:**

- The subcommittee met a few times including with the president's expert advisory work group and as a result, submitted recommendations to the Interim President and Provost on May 17, 2018, but have not received a response yet. According to the spokesperson for the subcommittee, G. Pierce, they want the recommendations embedded in policy and practice.
- In an effort to move forward with the recommendations, the spokesperson for the subcommittee indicated they would like to expand support/co-signers of the recommendations beyond the PACDI subcommittee by circulating it to deans and department chairs.
- P. Granberry Russell informed PACDI that she was not aware of the recommendations and had no prior knowledge that the subcommittee sent them to the Interim president requesting his reaction. However, she expressed that she is willing to follow up with the president to find out where he stands on the recommendations and report to PACDI. She asked that she be given time to do this before the letter is sent more broadly, and to give the new ADA Coordinator an opportunity to review them and provide feedback first.
- A line-by-line review of each recommendation should take place to determine whether any may already be in place.
- The recommendations will be sent to the full PACDI.

**Election of Vice Chair:**

- The two candidates running for the vice chair position—K. Luukkala and P. Pasik—provided brief descriptions of their background and interest in people with disabilities.
- The vote that followed resulted in another tie. It was decided that voting members not present be given the opportunity to participate so the election will take place via email. I3 will send information to the voting members with a deadline for participating. Voting results will be communicated immediately thereafter.

### Announcements:

- Human Resources asked Chair Bryant to write a short article about PACDI for their publication, Source.
- Question raised as to whether PACDI should do something in recognition of the Observance National Disability Employment Awareness Month. CSD indicated there might be a possibility of PACDI joining them and Career Services in a venture. E. Mushaka stated she would discuss the opportunity with the CSD e-board and report to PACDI its decision. *Accessible Learning Conference* in December could be another opportunity if PACDI does not get something planned in time by the end of October.
- RCPD is working with Career Services in terms of employment for students with disabilities.
- A question was raised about the centralization of Campus IT – N. Evans indicated that if PACDI has questions about IT services and changes being made, he would be happy to address them. A suggestion was made that Rob McCurdy, CIO, be invited to PACDI to share information about centralizing campus IT. P. Granberry Russell will follow up to see if Mr. McCurdy is available to attend the October meeting.

### Roundtable:

- The Accessible Learning Conference—December 6-7, 2018, all day at the Kellogg Center. This year, the Conference explores accessibility as a social justice issue. The theme this year is on social justice. This year the committee wants it to be weeklong celebration.
- CSD wants to collaborate with PACDI on some type of event.
- P. Pasik stated that he thinks it is important to do something to begin building a following. There is a new accessible space – adaptive sports rink inside Dem Hall. It's compliant with the ADA but also practical for the end users. It is the only adaptive sports rink in the country and he thinks it will help to recruit more students to MSU.
- Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Alex Great State Race, in honor of Alex Powell, a former MSU student who passed away. <http://alexsgreatstaterace.org/>
- MSU Guide App – has become very popular. Only for iPhone now, not available on Android yet.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.