

**UCLA COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2016**  
**Math Science Room 5628**

Attended:

Chair: Laura Sencion-Mendoza

Vice- Chair Irma Bebe

Community Reps: Voting Member: Donna Bryan, Sharon Teruya

Alumni Rep, Voting Member: Bob Werle (excused)

Staff, Voting Member: Alex Stavchanskiy

Undergrad Student Rep: Voting Member: To be appointed

Graduate Student Rep, Voting Member: To be appointed

OSD & ADA/504, Ex Officio: Edward McCloskey, KC Bui, Mauricio Baker-Mason,  
Nickey Woods

DCP, Ex Officio: Patrick Burke, Salvador Santa Ana

Ombuds, Ex Officio: Thomas Griffin

CAPS, Ex Officio: Lisa Christensen

Recreation, Ex Officio: Michael Garafola (excused)

Tarjan Center, Ex Officio: Wilbert Francis

Ashe Center, Ex Officio: Kate Mulligan

Computer Science, Ex Officio: Eleazar Eskin

UCLA Extension, Ex Officio: Rachel Grazer

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion: Brandie Kirkpatrick

 **Call to order:** The UCOD meeting was called to order at 2:05pm



**Updates:** Patrick Burke scheduled a meeting with VC Jerry Kang for May 24 at 2:30pm with UCOD members. The committee members will discuss the role of UCOD, their funding support needs and what kind of institutional backing the committee would receive.

Members discussed the proposal the committee would present to VC Kang. The suggestion was to factor in the approximate amount the committee used last year for Disability Awareness Week. To present that information beforehand would be extremely valuable.

The suggestion was made to update the UCOD Website, to give VC Kang all the information and resources he might need.

The committee will start with the UCOD mission goals and after meeting with VC Kang, the committee will move forward to update the goals.

The statement was made that focusing on Disability Awareness Week and its funding is very important but focusing on other things also could catapult UCOD into recognition.

The needs assessment the committee talked about several meetings ago were identified and the suggestion was made that this should be presented to the VC Kang with the outlining the committee's goals.

The statement was made that OSD could provide the needs assessment that they conducted over the years. Kate will contact former UCOD member, Chanell Cook to see if she collected any needs assessment data. If so, Kate will request access to that data.

 ***Chair addressed issues related to the Bylaws mission and goals of UCOD:***

Laura mentioned that in 2006, UCOD received the responsibility for Disability Awareness Week, which is not included in the Bylaws. She added that nowhere does it states that UCOD has to assist in making changes on campus.

She went on to say that, variety of people attended UCOD meetings and shared with the committee the needs of the campus for student, staff and faculty.

Laura went on to say that UCOD is an advisory committee on campus and has advised the proper authority that there was a need for transportation, when she found herself using a wheelchair and that some parts of the campus is not friendly to wheelchair users. She added that there is transportation system for students and not for faculty and staff. She added that this request was made in 2012.

Laura mentioned that the campus needs culture and policy changes and that she would contact the ADA office and request a self-study to see how compliant the campus is with the ADA policies. She went on to say that, there are parts on campus that stated that it is accessibility and is clearly not, for the visually impaired, labels are needed,



and some doors need buttons because they are too heavy for wheelchairs users. Laura added that there is a need for institutional support, someone that is consistently on campus.

### **DCP - Patrick Burke Report:**

#### ***UC Training Modules***

Mauricio at the ADA/504 Office and Joanne McGill found the contacts at UC Office of the President who work with the Sum total online system. The UCOP staff were able to help Patrick complete the Sexual Violence/Harassment Prevention training, although the system still has many accessibility problems.

Sal, Patrick, and others around UC were invited to test the new Sum Total system. The testing will run until May 27. There is no set timeline, but they hope to see an improved training system in Fall 2016.

#### ***Global Accessibility Awareness Day May 19***

The worldwide day of activities related to digital access for persons with disabilities is May 19 this year. In Los Angeles, there is an evening presentation in Playa Vista, with a workshop for web and AP designers on Saturday. Information at: [solveforone.com](http://solveforone.com). There are also 24 hours' worth of online presentations throughout the day (Universal Time, so beginning for us at 5pm, May 18): [inclusivedesign24.com](http://inclusivedesign24.com)

#### ***Access to Campus Athletics Sites***

Campus athletics sites are among the most visited online presences for many universities (for UCLA, that's [UCLABruins.com](http://UCLABruins.com)). However, most of these sites have very poor accessibility, and are not controlled by the universities directly. All the athletics sites within the PAC-12 are controlled by the PAC-12 organization itself.

There is a proposal being discussed within the Educause accessibility group to make a presentation to the PAC-12, with the hope of increasing accessibility on all the sites they control. The University of Washington and Stanford are leading the effort. It would be great to get contacts at UCLA Athletics to help make the case.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

