Campus Access Committee

Meeting Minutes 4/25/14

In Attendance: Brian Boehmer, Adrian Rodgers, Connie Zang, Laura Barbuto, Katherine Blocksdale, Norman Holmes, David Wirt, Leia Smith, Patrick Courtney tried to SKYPE in but Connie was not set up.

Connie Zang called the meeting to order and welcomed everybody.

Charlene Santee and Norm Holmes demonstrated the evacuation chair. We saw how it is set up but not how it moves down stairs. The evacuation chair is for use when elevators are not working and people need assistance evacuating secondary floors. Brian said the goal is to have a chair available in each building. The current chair is housed in Safety and Security in Warner Center.

Brian Boehmer discussed the replacement of the stage and ramps used during COTC graduation ceremonies. The new stage and ramp will have handrails all around and an ADA compliant ramp. It should be in place for the August graduation.

Connie Zang mentioned the new folding chairs for use during ceremonies in Adena. It was brought up that the bariatric chairs are used every graduation. It was mentioned that bariatric seating could be beneficial for other events such as performances in the Black Box Theatre.

Connie explained that she would like for faculty to be able to request bariatric seating from facilities for their classroom rather than having a student identify to Disability Services. This seems like a more user-friendly way to provide seating.

The committee discussed food allergies, allergies in general and use of Epi pens. It was suggested that campus might want to purchase some pens to have for those students who do not realize they have an allergy. New state law is recommending that schools have Epi pens available. Previously no one was allowed to use an Epi pen on another person unless they were properly trained. Committee members thought they would rather take the chance under the Good Samaritan rule and use an Epi pen on someone rather than take the chance of watching them die.

The question came up on what we can/would/should do in Residential Housing for allergies. Connie was to ask Lance about the availability of single rooms. (Connie asked. Newark has efficiency apartment that is designed for two residents.)

Campus updates:

David Wirt mentioned a surge in counseling services. Lori Barbuto said she had students with personal issues, living out of their cars, etc. David reminded the committee to encourage the use of 2-1-1 to ask about available services in the community.
He also reminded us that it is okay for faculty and staff to ask a student “How did it go?” after they referred said student to counseling. It is the counselor who will not provide any information. David asked me to share the link below giving information on counseling and college campuses. This was a USA Today report.


David mentioned that he knows faculty and staff are listening due to the referrals he receives. He asked if anyone did the Kognito At Risk. We have 9 or 10 seats left out of 40 seats. He will post a reminder out to faculty to try this.

The 2014-15 meetings for the Campus Access Committee will be October 10, 2014 and April 17, 2015 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in Warner Center Student Life conference room 230.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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