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Minutes for the Disability Issues Committee

Date and Time: May 13, 2019 / Meeting call to order: 1:05PM

Location: Library Room A207E

Presiding: Jorge Matos

Present: Julie Trachman, Ray Perez, Fabian Wander, Elys Vasquez-Iscan, Biao Jiang, Destini Mitchel Murray, Reynaldo Martinez, Elyse Zucker,

Absent: Julie Bencosme, Andy London, Sonia Maldonado

Guests: Stephanie Caban (CCSD@Hostos club President), Jessica Powell (ASAP)

Minutes Prepared by: Jorge Matos/Ray Perez

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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Call to Order | Greetings from Chair | Quorum count was taken. Nine voting members present  Meeting called to order at 1:05PM |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Acceptance of Agenda | Motion was made to approve agenda | The agenda was approved |
| Acceptance of the minutes | Motion was made to approve minutes from April | The minutes was approved |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Introduction of new members | Committee Chair introduced two new members to our group. SGA member Reynaldo Martinez and Faculty member Sonia Maldonado were welcomed | NA |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Chair’s Remarks | Chair welcomes committee members. The following topics were highlighted:  College wide senate report  The hiring of Ryan Martin as Hostos new Inclusive Athletics Coordinator  Evacuation Plan for Individuals with Disabilities at Hostos | Each highlight is discussed below |
| Report to Senate | Committee yearly report will be submitted to the College Wide Senate. Committee members were asked to look it over for comments or corrections | Once the Senate report is finalized it will be submitted. Chair has been asked to report on our yearly overview at the next Senate meeting |
| Mental Health on Campus | Committee members discussed the increasing numbers of students with disabilities on campus and the need for increasing supportive services. Resources were highlighted to assist students in psychological need  Counseling Center  Single Stop  Mental Health Training by the Mayor’s Office | The creation of a handbook was discussed of Mental Health resources to be shared with staff, faculty and students to better assist with referral service |
| Beacon System for Emergency Evacuations | It was reported that the beacon tracking system to locate students with evacuation assistance was piloted on the third floor of the C building successfully | In order to expand on the project a student group must be created to help work on designing the system |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION/ ACTION** |
| Update on Physical Barriers issue | Fourth floor lift was discussed  SGA Leader discussed Retreat and discussion with President Gomez on barriers to access. Specifically, fourth floor lift and functionality and what solutions does the college have for third floor renovations. Also request for Mirrors in high traffic areas for safety | A follow up meeting is needed with ADA compliance officer  It was conveyed that the college is currently in the process of purchasing mirrors and having them installed |
| Motion to adjourn meeting |  | Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:10 PM accepted unanimously |

Next Meeting:

TBA

Follow up items:

1. Creating sub-committee to address a civility campaign to address staircase use and elevator priority for individuals with health and or mobility impairments.
2. Contacting outside agency that provide physical access consultation in help with addressing physical barriers.
3. Follow up meeting with Lauren GRETINA to discuss letter sent by faculty regarding fourth floor lift