

Minutes from December 14, 2023 FSST meeting,

FAB1270 and via zoom

**In Attendance:**

- Jeffrey Withey, Co-Chair
- Gina Shreve, Co-Chair
- Maria Bykhovskaia
- Stephanie Chastain
- Sujay Dutta
- Jessika Edgar
- Bharati Mitra
- Paul Neirink
- Daniel Golodner
- Joan Beaudoin
- Paul Dubinsky
- Sean Peters

- Robert Reynolds
- Linda Beale

**Liaisons:**

- Emily Reetz, AAUP-AFT
- Melissa Crabtree, C&IT
- Rob Davenport, AVP FP&M
- Naida Simon, PC, UPTF
- James Brock, FP&M

**Guests:**

- Cherise Frost, SDS

Agenda	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		
Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting	Approved	
Agenda items:  1) Presentation on activities of Student Disability Services Office from Cherise Frost, Director of SDS  2) Q&A with Cherise – led by the FSST Access Subcommittee – Bharati Mitra & Access Group members		
Student Disability Services Presentation by Cherise Frost	ADA Compliance  Ensuring academic access and inclusion across the university  Serve ~11% of enrolled students based on documented disabilities  Defining accommodations and examples of accommodations that students receive such as testing	



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	<p>accommodations, assistive technology, etc.</p> <p>Furniture requests to accommodate the physical environment</p> <p>How accommodations work – important note is equal access – removing barriers for students to be able to have an equal chance to do the same work as their peers</p> <p>Instructors are not notified by SDS if a student has an accommodation unless it requires work on the instructors part prior to the start of the course</p> <p>How accommodations are determined</p> <p>Accommodation letters sent to students for them to notify their instructors – see sample in PPT</p> <p>Accommodations are renewed each semester – students are responsible for communicating their needs, faculty and SDS are responsible for facilitating certain accommodations</p> <p>SDS provides physical space for testing and some other schools and colleges and departments have created a physical space for testing</p> <p>How to register for SDS and how to refer students – see SDS website to submit online registration form</p>	
<p>Q&amp;A with Cherise Frost</p> <p>Led by the FSST Access Subcommittee: Bharati Mitra &amp; Access Group members</p>	<p>How to ask future questions regarding access such as bathroom access?</p> <p>OMSE may have a list of accessible bathrooms</p>	



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	<p>Building updates for accessibility – not always possible depending on when the building was built and code rules</p> <p>SDS can advocate for room changes for buildings that are more difficult to access (e.g., with elevator issues, etc.)</p> <p>SDS does not have funds for building updates, but they have some endowed funds that have been used as scholarships</p> <p>Funding concerns between who is responsible for updates to accessibility – University general fund or SDS</p> <p>Lack of consultation with SDS office on meeting accessibility requirements and new construction/renovations –State Hall and STEM building are examples</p> <p>What is our status with compliance? Unsure the status of updates to compliance with the new ADA Coordinator – assume we’re meeting ADA standards because we haven’t heard anything about noncompliance</p> <p>Prioritizing budget for accessible physical spaces and being proactive about accessibility at the beginning of planning stages rather than after the fact</p> <p>Cherise will look to provide us with some resources and readings on ADA and accessibility</p> <p>How do you measure success in SDS? Could be a positive correlational relationship between accommodations and academic performance, but there are many</p>	



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	<p>variables that play a role in that – there are success stories with students and there is a focus on qualitative data demonstrating success</p> <p>How does WSU rank in comparison to other schools as far as SDS – one of few campuses who have in-house testing – would like to see us grow in assistive technology, but recognize the expense of technology and how much it changes over the years – would like to see more SDS specialists to support students</p> <p>Polling students about physical accessibility – could target SDS registered students and send them a survey</p> <p>Climate Survey for WSU will have some accessibility questions</p>	<p>Cherise will find the ADA checklist, OMSE’s bathroom accessibility report to send to FSST</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Chastain, FSST Member