

Senate Advisory Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance  
Zoom Meeting  
09/25/2023 1:00 p.m.

Draft minutes

Voting members: Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt (Presiding), Julie Ossege, Davy Jones, Aaron Garvy, Whitney Hanley

Nonvoting members: Alice Turkington (David Beach could not attend)

Chair Gipson-Reichardt called the meeting to order.

Gipson-Reichardt thanked Julie Ossege for her efforts in the Spring 2023 semester and for finalizing the May 2023 report.

Gipson-Reichardt moved to approve the minutes from April 11, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve: Davy Jones. Second: Aaron Garvey. The motion was approved.

Davy Jones mentioned that the core issue of faculty and DRC roles in the decision for accommodation is a key issue, raising the question, "Does a suggested accommodation compromise the nature of the program?".

Gipson-Reichardt welcomed new committee member Whitney Hanley.

Due to the SCDAC 2022-2023 charge from the Senate Council to perform information gathering on reasonable accommodations, a report was submitted on May 10, 2023 to the senate with recommendations for determining reasonableness of accommodation as well as the process of determining accommodations in conjunction with the Disability Resource Center. The committee was briefed on the context of the information gathering and report process from the prior year. Gipson-Reichardt was requested to present the findings and recommendation from the report to Senate Council on 10/2/2023, and to the Senate on 10/9/2023. Gipson-Reichardt shared her presentation slides with SCDAC for input and approval, and went through the slides for accuracy. It was suggested that the powerpoint slides needed to be updated with the following changes:

1. Recognizing that our charge still exists and we should continue to do more research on best practices, the slides should highlight that the interactive process between DRC and faculty should occur prior to the guarantee of accommodation to students, and that SCDAC recommends further development of an interactive process between DRC and faculty for determination of accommodation.
2. It was suggested by Alice Turkington that the understaffing of the DRC at the University of Kentucky be highlighted as a major limitation in the presentation because it likely reduces DRC bandwidth.

3. Slide 10 edits were suggested by Aaron Garvey. The slide was then edited by Dr. Gipson-Reichardt to say, “Through the interactive process with the DRC, SCDAC will identify more concrete best-practices as they relate to idiosyncratic pedagogical circumstances.”

Gipson-Reichardt relayed the charge of the 2023-2024 academic year for SCDAC, which was provided by DeShana Collett: “Continue to focus on our efforts on the recommendations provided in the report”.

Gipson-Reichardt suggested that providing recommendations for modification of the DRC website would be a first item of action in the 2023-2024 academic year, and it was agreed that Gipson-Reichardt will reach out to David Beach regarding initiation of this process.

Gipson-Reichardt stated that she will send out a meeting poll to determine an October 2023 SCDAC meeting.

Gipson-Reichardt adjourned the meeting.