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*Northern Arizona University sits at the base of the San Francisco Peaks, on homelands sacred to Native Americans throughout the region. We honor their past, present, and future generations, who have lived here for millennia and will forever call this place home.*

**Commission on Disability Access and Design**

**Minutes**

Wednesday, November 15th, 2023

12:00-1:30 pm

[Zoom link](https://nau.zoom.us/s/86710289001)

Meeting ID: 86710289001

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1. Call to Order
   1. John Schaffer called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone
2. Land Acknowledgement
   1. John Schaffer read his version of the Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call and introductions

John Schaffer, Chris Lanterman, Danielle Contreras, Lauren Copeland-Glenn, Justin Mallett, Sean Kugler, Elizabeth Mennow, August Gerlach, Charlese Bedford, Jade Metzger, Artemis Karolik, Daniel Chodos, Damon Burke, Jamie Axelrod, Jeremy Musgrove, Gabe Wheeler, Nathan Pullen, Prince Osei Agyemang

1. Approval of minutes from October meeting
   1. John called for a motion to approve the October meeting minutes
   2. Jamie made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes
      1. Lauren seconded the motion
   3. A vote was made. All voted affirmative
   4. Motion passed; October CDAD minutes approved
2. Announcements and Information Items
   1. DPHM Final summary
      1. Accessibility Expedition
         1. Went well
         2. It was the biggest turn out after Covid
         3. We were able to cover a number of sections of north campus and had a good post-expedition discussion
         4. Good pictures were taken and kept for records
         5. John took great videos that will eventually be a documentary
      2. Online Conversation on Disability
         1. Looked at
            1. how media representation is getting better for people with disabilities
            2. Conflicts and natural disasters and how these affect people with disabilities
         2. Hopefully, this will be done again in the Spring
            1. Members will be updated on this
3. Action and Discussion Items
   1. Audra step down/ election for Co-chair to finish out Audra’s term
      1. John nominated Lauren as Co-chair
         1. Chris seconded the nomination of Lauren
      2. A vote was made to approve Lauren as the Co-chair for CDAD
      3. All but Lauren voted affirmative
         1. Lauren Abstained
      4. Lauren is approved as the Co-Chair for CDAD serving through June 2024
   2. Reconstituting Executive Committee (Jamie/Lauren/Gabe/Sean)
      1. There are four nominees for this committee
         1. Jamie
         2. Lauren (is an automatic member by virtue of being a co-chair, however, her term as Exec Committee member will continue once a new co-chair is elected)
         3. Gabe
         4. Sean
      2. All nominees are unanimously approved by members of CDAD
      3. Jamie, Gabe, Lauren, and Sean are officially members of the CDAD Executive Committee
   3. Jamie Axelrod update
      1. No updates
   4. CDAD history write-up (Jamie, Chris, Lauren)
      1. Jaime, Chris, and Lauren to help draft the CDAD history by the next CDAD meeting
         1. How did CDAD begin
         2. Key milestones
   5. Communication Science & Disorders stuttering simulation
      1. This is an assignment that makes one pretend to have a disability
      2. Discussion of inappropriateness and needs to be addressed
      3. Suggested ways of addressing this issue
         1. CDAD could write a letter to suggest a more appropriate alternative assignment
            1. The professor could invite someone with such disability to speak to the class
         2. We could make use of CIT to address this
         3. It could be more of a panel-based session where people who are comfortable sharing their own experiences participate. Students could ask questions in a controlled setting
         4. It will be important to be clear about what the instructor's learning objective is, specifically, to identify an appropriate alternative
         5. We can have a broader university-wide conversation on disability simulation in Spring 2024
            1. We can add that to the Accessibility Expedition
            2. We can also make use of NAU Review to talk about disability simulation
      4. Way forward
         1. John Schaffer to file a report and discuss with Campus Inclusion Team
   6. Events
      1. Sitting Volleyball in Spring
         1. Lauren and Campus Rec to meet and discuss the Sitting Volleyball in Spring
         2. Lauren to give feedback from her meeting Campus Rec to CDAD
      2. Honoring Judy Heumann: Create Committee
         1. Crip Camp (screening rights)
         2. Disability History panels
         3. Language panel
         4. Other ideas?
            1. The keynote speaker for Accessing Higher Ground was a comedian

Ironically, she is advertised as the only Stuttering Standup Comedian in the bay area

Her name is Nina G. She is part of the Comedians with Disabilities Act

We can bring her to campus for a show

* + - 1. The committee to help plan these events

Sean Kugler

Danielle Contreras

An email will be sent for members to sign up if interested

* + 1. Screen Coda in Spring semester
       1. This will be revisited and report back in the December meeting
  1. Go over bylaws
     1. The review of the bylaw continued from section 4.3
     2. John Schaffer read the various sections of the bylaws and members gave their comments and suggestions for revision
     3. The review of the bylaw ended at Article 7
     4. The CDAD Executive Committee to finalize the revision and present it during the CDAD December meeting to be voted on

1. Old or New Business
   1. No updates
2. Adjournment
   1. John Schaffer thanked everyone for showing up for the meeting and adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.
   2. The next CDAD meeting will be held on December 20, 2023