Northern Arizona University Commission on Disability Access and Design logo

*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, September 15, 2021

12:00-1:30 pm

Zoom link: <https://nau.zoom.us/j/88000403712>

Passcode: 396352

1. **Call to Order**
   1. Chris Lanterman called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
   2. James Ingram read the land acknowledgment
2. **Roll Call and Introductions**
   1. Chris Lanterman, James Ingram, Alyssa Deaver, Shane Canitz, Chelsea Green, Jane Gilbert, Audra Travelbee, Sarah Lipsey, Stephanie Del Giorgio, Jill Young, Cole Eskridge, Sakénya McDonald, Calvin Legassie, Megan Momeyer, Monica Brown, Lauren Copeland-Glenn, Sean Kugler
   2. Approval of [minutes from August meeting](https://in.nau.edu/cdad/commission-on-disability-access-and-design/meeting-minutes-and-agenda/)
      1. Alyssa Deaver moved to approve the minutes. Chelsea Green seconded.
         1. Chris Lanterman called for a vote. Vote was unanimously positive, with Monica and Sakénya abstaining.
      2. The motion passed and the August minutes were approved
3. **Announcements and Information Items**
   1. **Self-advocacy group for Augmentative Alternative Communication users** (Megan Momeyer)
      1. This project received funding yesterday
      2. Need help from CDAD self-advocacy speakers (either from NAU or outside speakers)
         1. These speakers will provide training to AAC users and their families about self-advocacy skills in settings like communities and schools
         2. If have input, please email [Megan Momeyer](mailto:megan.momeyer@nau.edu)
      3. Suggestion to ask Sean Kugler and Jody Bartz
      4. Chris asked Megan to share a written outline or abstract of the project with CDAD via email
   2. **IHD Interdepartmental Advisory Council** (Sakénya McDonald)
      1. Goal of the IHD Interdepartmental Advisory Council: expose variety of NAU departments to disability- and accessibility-related diversity (especially departments that have little contact with the topics)
         1. Expressed desire to share awareness of program and to help make courses more attractive and appealing to other programs, including by the creation of unique courses for specific departments
      2. If CDAD members want to participate as representatives of their colleges or know others who would be interested, please [email Sakénya](mailto:sakenya.mcdonald@nau.edu)
      3. Council will probably meet for one hour every other month
      4. Question posed: how to engage students in programs of study which have no space for extra classes
         1. Sakénya: Undergraduates can take them as electives (especially if we ensure the classes meet general studies requirements), while graduate studies can obtain separate graduate certificates
            1. Sakénya also plans to add this discussion to the council´s agenda to brainstorm further
         2. Chris asked if the Disability Studies graduate certificate is being resurrected
            1. Sakénya clarified that there is a new grant, and with it, it may even be possible to make Disability Studies a major

If funding comes through, hope is that it will at the least return to its former graduate certificate status

* 1. **NAU Ombuds and** [**Annual Ombuds report**](https://in.nau.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/53/2021/08/Faculty-Ombuds-Annual-Report-2020-2021.pdf) (Monica Brown)
     1. Reported that the annual report found that the Office of Ombuds is not accessible to those with disabilities and thus due to the complaints, they have been looking for a new location for the official office
     2. Explained the role of the Faculty Ombuds and how she can help:
        1. (Empathetic listening, seeking informal resolution of university-related concerns, option generation, conflict coaching, third party intervention, referrals, feedback to university leadership on trends and patterns while suggesting solutions, risk management, and promoting procedural fairness at university)
     3. Explained the tenets of Office of Ombuds: independence, neutrality and impartiality, confidentiality, and informality
     4. Question asked if Monica is the only Ombuds
        1. Yes, Monica is the solo practitioner at NAU, but explained how she has a mentor with over 30 years of experience, and access to a network of other Ombuds across the Southwest United States
        2. She reports also being well connected to other individuals at the university
  2. **Diversity Curriculum Committee** (James Ingram, Sakénya McDonald, Lauren Copeland-Glenn)
     1. Tabled to next meeting

1. **Action and Discussion Items**
   1. **Conversation about CDAD Meeting Times** 
      1. Co-chair James Ingram has a conflict this semester with the established CDAD meeting time due to a class he is teaching and asked to change the time that CDAD meets
      2. Suggestion to have CDAD meet an hour earlier at 11:00 a.m.
         1. Consensus that this suggested time works
         2. New monthly CDAD meeting time changed to 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (still on the third Wednesday of every month)
   2. **DPHM Updates**
      1. ISD (Sakénya) has secured the funds to contract Cody Clark, a performer with autism who does magic shows to perform during DPHM
         1. The contract is being finalized: asking for CDAD’s help in organizing and putting on this event
         2. Cody is entirely flexible for the date, and can do the performance in person or virtually, but Sakénya believes the magic show would be better in person
            1. Has four shows, could do any of four (amount of time varies per show)
         3. Chris: end of month is very full, let’s try to do beginning of month
      2. Squirmy and Grubs, October 20, 5:00 pm, Location TBD
         1. Headlining event- will be virtual
         2. Trying to get funding from STAC Proposal, so do not use all CDAD funding for year on this one event
         3. Discussion about creating watch party to accompany screening
            1. Suggestion: hold in international pavilion

May be a difference in cost if student organization requests the space vs. a different organization

Thus, if need to, can partner with NAU 4 ALL

Food is now allowed for events on campus; Sodexo does individually packaged food to make it safe

Lauren: issue is that food can’t be bought with the CDAD budget money, because it is not a local account, so these expenses would need to be put into the STAC proposal

* + 1. Conversation about Disability & Diversity meeting, Oct 27, 4:30 pm
       1. [Register in advance for this meeting](https://d.docs.live.net/a5fccb444c15fa07/Documents/I.%09https:/nau.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlcOmhrz4qH9P1qPnsaSwt9ARVnqtoRqvI)
    2. *Sound of Metal*, October 19, 7:00 pm, CAL Film Series, Cline Library Auditorium
       1. Part of college and arts films series
       2. Need someone to introduce and/or debrief film
    3. Accessibility Scavenger Hunt, October 15, 1:00 – 3:00
       1. Historical/progressive conversation through north campus about how campus has changed and how we have addressed many of accessibility barriers over time through good design, including universal design
       2. True Blue ambassadors will lead tour/scavenger hunt
       3. Coordinating with Homecoming events as well
    4. Virtual Scavenger Hunt (Sean Kugler)
       1. Website is now up
          1. Meeting happening later today to determine if there are any more changes to be made
       2. Should there be incentives for people to participate?
          1. Had them last year, but only two people completed the whole thing
          2. Suggestion of a badge as an incentive (something that does not have to paid for)
    5. Accessibility training series (Lauren, Sean, Audra?)
       1. Confirmed that Lauren and Audra will be hosting training events
    6. Sitting Volleyball?
       1. Lauren has been collaborating with Campus Recreation
          1. This event will possibly occur on October 28th, if the pandemic allows
          2. Invitations to build teams will be sent out once date is set
    7. Films from our library?
       1. Chris plans to reach out to NAU library to have the films digitized, so they can be streamed
  1. Anita Hollander (speaker)
     1. Possibility to have her come to campus in the Spring due to external funding opportunities (from state)
     2. A second STAC proposal will also be made

1. **Adjournment** 
   1. Chris adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.