

Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee (SWDAC)
 2007-08
 Annual Report

Committee Members:

<u>NAME</u> <u>(OR OFFICE HELD)</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>REPLACING</u>	<u>NOMINATING AUTHORITY</u>
Karen Hicks	2006-2008	Continuing	State Department of Rehabilitation
Paul Wolff	2007-2009	Continuing	Dir, Disability Res Cntr (community rep)
Nicole Granowitz	2007-2008	Carmen Barnett	Dir, Disability Res Cntr (student rep)
Mike Ruef	2007-2009	Continuing	Chair, Academic Senate
Xiaoying Rong	2006-2008	Continuing	Chair, Academic Senate
Kevin Taylor	2006-2008	Continuing	Chair, Academic Senate
Douglas Swanson	2007-2009	Penny Bennett	Chair, Academic Senate
Joan Kunkler	2006-2008	Continuing	Dean, Library Services
Elie Axelroth	2007-2009	Continuing	Director, Health & Psych Services
Charlotte Rinaldi-Zuniga	2007-2009	Continuing	Director, Career Services & Testing Services
Suzanne Fritz*	2007-2009	Continuing	Dir, Disability Res Cntr (admin/staff rep)
Barbara Queen	2007-2009	Continuing	VP/Admin & Finance (facility planning rep)
Chris Parker-Kennedy	2006-2008	Continuing	Dir, Disability Res Cntr (DRC staff rep)
Trey Duffy	Ex officio	Continuing	(Director, Disability Resource Center)

Committee Purpose: The Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee advises the Disability Resource Center. The committee is charged with monitoring and advocating access for persons with disabilities to all campus programs. Members shall recommend appropriate changes or modifications in policies, procedures, and services provided by the Disability Resource Center. In addition, the committee will assist with outreach to the campus community and will support awareness activities to benefit students with disabilities.

The SWDAC provided feedback and guidance to the DRC and the campus on the following issues during the past year:

1. **CSU Assistive Technology Initiative** <http://www.calstate.edu/accessibility/>
 - a. Reviewed Assistive Technolgy Initiative, role of DACC. Introduced the THINK B 4 YOU BUY marketing plan, which recently won an award from the CSU for its innovative approach. Several SWDAC members took posters and agreed to help advertise the campaign.
2. **DRC Process Changes (online service requests)**
 - a. Demonstrated the new online processes for accessing direct services at the DRC: Alternative Media is fully online Spring 08, Testing Services will pilot with several faculty members and student this Spring 08.
 *** Note: Prof Taylor and Prof Ruef would like to be involved. Note taking is still on the drawing board, but ready to go by Fall 08, we hope.

3. DRC website revision/Advocate newsletter

DRC web site was presented in its revised and fully accessible design. DRC added multi-media videos to the web site to provide another option for getting information to prospective students and parents about how to access DRC services.

4. Proposal for DRC name change

- a. Discussion on the proposed name change for the DRC:

DRC is looking at changing the DRC name to more clearly define our mission and goals, moving away from the standard definition of “disability” to perhaps “Access Resource Center” . DRC shared a proposal supporting rationale for changing our name to “Access Resource Center”. (See proposal sheet.)

There was agreement that a name change would be supported by SWDAC. There was some concern about finding us without the label of “disability”. DRC thought that this mind set change would take several years to take effect and that searches on the CP web site would still direct them to us. There was discussion about using “accessibility” instead of “access”, due to concerns about wordiness.

Currently we know of no other university in California uses “Access” vs “Disability”, so we would be on the cutting edge.

5. DRC Learning Outcomes

- a. The learning outcomes implemented last year will be included as survey items on the 2007-08 student satisfaction survey. Purpose is to determine if students report having learned and/or used the skills, abilities and knowledge the learning outcomes intend to introduce.

NOTE: Cal Poly, in response to Executive Order 926, established the Disability Access and Compliance committee in June 2005. The mission of the committee is to discuss, monitor, and evaluate campus-specific issues relating to compliance" with California State University Executive Order 926 (<http://www.calstate.edu/EO/EO-926.html>) and can be expected to produce Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance-related reports to the Chancellor's Office as requested. As such, many of the issues previously brought to the SWDAC are not DACC's purview. SWDAC functions primarily at this time as an advisory board to the DRC.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Fritz
SWDAC Chair