South Dakota State University

Disability Services Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes:

Date: February 26, 2015
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Student Union Pasque Room #255


Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions
   - Committee members present introduced themselves. Many spoke about their interest in or personal experience with disabilities.

2. Office of Disability Services Mission
   - Outlined the mission of the office, as well as goals and aspirations.
   - Identified who the office serves, and suggested some things that can be done to help improve services.

3. Overview of purpose and scope of the committee
   - Committee was asked to come up with three main ideas or areas for the committee to work on. Many present voiced ideas including:
     - Suggested working to improve upon accommodations for students with mental disabilities.
     - Brought up lack of awareness of people with disabilities. Members gave examples.
     - Suggested deploying a student satisfaction survey in the near future.
     - Discussed how to accommodate disable students who don’t want to be identified as such.
   - Committee was assigned homework for March meeting. They are asked to come with three goals for improving accessibility - some short term and some long term to discuss at the next meeting.

4. Days/times for future meetings
   - A Doodle Poll will be sent out.

Mission Statement:

The Office of Disability Services recognizes that disability is an aspect of diversity that is integral to society and to the campus community. To this end, the ODS collaborates with students, faculty and staff across the University community to create usable, equitable, inclusive and sustainable.