

DCAT

September 17, 2010

Present: Melissa Ashwell, Leslie Bowman, Cheryl Branker, Sheila Brown, Debbie Carraway, Lisa Fiedor, Wyona Goodwin, Heather Holland, Christine Klein, March Krotee, Sarah Lannom, Ina Lunney, Thomas Martin, Tina Nelson, Mark Newmiller, Darby Orcutt, Randy Reggi, Evelyn Reiman, Rebecca Sitton, Brice Smith, Sabina Vermeulen, Beverly Williams
Guests: Andrew Tamayo, Joanne Woodard

Cheryl Branker opened the meeting at 2:00pm

New Business:

- Cheryl welcomed everyone and informed the committee of the role and purpose everyone plays by being a part of the DCAT committee.
- Cheryl shared with the committee that Mr. Marcus Engel, a professional speaker and author, has agreed to come to NCSU on Thursday, October 14, 2010. Mr. Engel's lecture will provide an inspirational and motivational guide to overcoming adversity and achieving success. The lecture will be held during the evening and several departments have agreed to sponsor this event. Cheryl asked for volunteers to help promote Mr. Engel's visit.
- Rebecca Sitton, of the DSO, shared the DSO Selected Facts for the Fall 2010 semester. These are facts which reflect how many students are registered with the DSO, in which disability categories, and other demographic information.
<http://www.ncsu.edu/dso/facts/index.html> Rebecca also demonstrated the Livescribe pen which is the most used technology by the DSO students this semester. The pen allows students to capture what they hear, write, and draw during class and can be played back later and shared with others.
- Sabina Vermeulen, of the DSO, presented information about the "Spotlight on Access" award and shared with the committee that the Career Center received this recognition in August 2010, for their outstanding partnership with the DSO. The Career Center has been allowing the DSO to use their interview rooms during final exams and because of this effort, DSO students have been accommodated in a friendly and comfortable environment. <http://www.ncsu.edu/dso/general/spotlight.html>
- Sarah Lannom, Associate General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel-NC State, shared with the committee the procedure NC State follows in handling an Office of Civil Rights (OCR) complaint. Sarah also shared that NC State recently entered into a

Resolution Agreement with OCR to voluntarily resolve a complaint brought forward by a student.

- Thomas Martin, of the DSO, shared with the committee information about the “DSOn-Site”. The purpose of this program is for departments to have access to the DSO staff, at their location, to ask questions and share concerns as it relates to students with disabilities. The DSOn-Site program will kick off on Monday, September 27, 2010 with the Department of English.
- Mark Newmiller, of the DSO, shared with the committee information about Discovering Student Opportunities at the Disability Services Office (DSO@DSO). The DSO@DSO was created by the staff to provide students information about the DSO. Workshops were scheduled and students were offered the opportunity to drop in. The DSO also participated in the Student Services calendar by advertising the DSO@DSO throughout semester and on how to contact the DSO. The main objective for both avenues was to create awareness and increase opportunities for students to receive accommodations.. The DSO also has a presence on Wolfbytes.

Closing Comments:

Cheryl thanked the group for their participation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm