FA Disability Committee (DisC)

Meeting on April 17, 2024, 12:00-1:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Colleen Donnelly (Chair), CLAS/English

Thorsten Spehn (VC and Secretary), CLAS/PolSci

Maureen Melonis, Bioengineering

Pepe Sánchez, SPA

Matthew O’Brien, CAM

Sophie Cook, CAM

Kyle Ehrhardt, Business

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes for March 27 Meeting enthusiastically approved
2. Discussion of DisC Logo and branding issues with UComm.

The committee had collaborated with students from the College of Arts and Media to design an accessibility logo to strengthen our team’s identity and promote awareness of accessibility efforts on campus. The final logo had been finished and agreed to at the March meeting. We received news from UComm that the logo was not in compliance with university branding standards. Chair Donnelly and Vice Chair Spehn then attended a short meeting with Ian W. (no longer at UCD) and Antonio Farias on April 12. Colleen and Thorsten let everyone know that the logo is student work and that changes are no longer possible. We also explained the various components of the logo. In the end, UComm agreed that the logo does not violate branding standards because it is an internal emblem to be used on campus only.

1. Discussion of Accessibility Awareness Campaign Posters

Students created 4 amazing-looking posters combining imagery with short educating messages as displayed below. These are the first drafts. Thank you, Sophie, for your liaison work with this!

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Discussion involved a number of suggestions to improve the messaging by reducing the amount of written content through consolidation and elimination with focus on the most important messages.

1. Discussion of upcoming events such as Executive Functioning workshops
2. Brainstorming ideas for new DisC tasks and/or projects.

Getting students involved in projects related to accessibility such as mapping in geography but potentially also other fields with stipends to incentivize this work.