ADA Committee Meeting Agenda for 5-2-11

- I. Year At-A-Glance
- II. 2011 AHEAD Conference Presentation
- III. Interpreter Policy for Extracurricular Activities

ADA Committee Meeting Minutes May 2, 2011

The ADA Committee met at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011 via ITV in Room 423 in Vernon and Room 504 at Century City Center.

Members present were Deana Lehman, Chair, Mary Anderson, Iva Belew, Judy Ditmore, Kristin Harris, Dean Johnston, Ruth Rascon, and Jo Ann Sharp. Absent were Rosane Chacanaca, John Hardin, Gary Don Harkey, Larry Holmes, Robin Inge, and Kathy Peterson.

Ms. Lehman called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. She gave an overview of the number of ADA students and types of disabilities served through Special Services. She also briefly discussed a math disability research report.

Ms. Lehman also told the committee that she recently presented at the AHEAD in Texas Conference in Houston in April 2011. Her subject was entitled "Shooting from the Hip," which deals with the AHEAD 2011 theme of "Doing More with Less." She said that the current emphasis in the postsecondary ADA world is on developing programs located on the college campus which offer services and skills for the mentally ill. This includes students whose documentation defines them as intellectually disabled.

The newly-written Accommodations Policy for Extracurricular Events was read and discussed. Ms. Lehman noted that she has written a separate policy for instructors which will be sent to faculty in the near future. Dean Johnston stated that extra credit may be added at-will by faculty on very short notice, which could make it more difficult to provide something like interpreter services. Judy Ditmore questioned whether or not it was clear that services are provided only for mandated extracurricular activities. Kristin Harris suggested that the policy clearly state that students must first be registered with Special Services before they can receive services for extracurricular events.

After further discussion of the policy, Ms. Lehman stated that she would make the suggested changes to the policy and send it via email to the entire committee for review. After all changes are made, an electronic vote will be taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

The policy was approved by nine of the thirteen members via email vote on 5-10-11.

The above meeting minutes were approved by ten of the thirteen members via email vote on 5-16-11.