

Minutes

Chair: Maureen Wideman

Present: Rilla Apostolakis, Cheryl Van Nes, Deirdre Miles, Jodi Noble, Mark Goudsblom, Korina Gratton, Kulwant Gill, Ted Zak, Patti Wilson, Michael Chutskoff, John Miller, Lisa Dekker, Kathy Wallace, Mark Pearson

Regrets: Chris Leach, Kirsten Trustham, Barbara Salingre, Seanna Takacs, Alyson Seale

1. Special Guest Speaker – Kim Gemmell

Kim shared her son's challenges and successes on transitioning from high school to UFV. Maureen thanked her for sharing her story.

See biography and website here <http://www.braverybook.com/>

2. Welcome and approve agenda

a. Seanna Takacs is away today so agenda item #6 will be replaced with two short activities by Maureen Wideman

All approved.

3. Approve minutes – May 18, 2016

Update on walk through at CEP -Mark Goudsblom and Ted Zak

Fire maps in the newer buildings don't require *areas of refuge* to be listed on the escape routes. Mark will work with Ed Visser on the building codes to make sure the internal policies line up. The Committee has asked to be informed on what procedures are being done so this can be communicated to our students.

First Aid Health Workshop- This workshop that was scheduled for January 2017 has been postponed and will run in the Spring.

4. Scanning the University for Accessibility Issues – Maureen Wideman

Maureen asked if anyone has had a chance to walk around their campuses to find out how accessible their environment is. The following comments were given by various committee members:

- The SUB building has buttons that automatically open the doors but it only opens one door not both
- Most of building E is not accessible
- The open area outside the Library in the rotunda has very poor lighting in the evenings

- Gravel patio outside A225/229 has raised concrete blocks in it which makes them inaccessible
- Better elevator signage so it's easy to see where they are located

Mark Goudsblom suggested everyone send him their suggestions and he will make up a list and then the group can create priorities and how they want to tackle them.

Patti Wilson reported that the Library will be undergoing renovations and will be hosting a visioning exercise on Dec 13, 9:30 am – 12 noon in the Library. She suggested that input from the AAC would be instructive.

5. Rick Hansen Foundation – Maureen Wideman & Seanna Takacs

The Rick Hansen foundation is taking proposals in a grant program called Access4All which awards grants up to \$30k to build a barrier buster project. Maureen and Seanna would like to submit a proposal to build a garden-sized labyrinth on the UFV Abbotsford campus which will help with mental health. Maureen reported that there is a good example of a labyrinth at Mill Lake in Abbotsford if anyone wants to go and take a look. Deadline for proposals is the end of March 2017. If you are interested in submitting your own proposal, here is the link to the website <http://www.rickhansen.com/Access4All/About-Access4All>

The meeting adjourned 4:37 pm

Next meeting Feb 8, 2017, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, A225