
Chair: Maureen Wideman

Present: Karsten Renaerts, Alyson Seale, Mark Pearson, Chris Leach, Seanna Takacs, Chris Humphries

Guest: Brian Leonard

1. Welcome and approve agenda

- a. Add #4.3 in Other Business for Alyson Seale
- b. Add #5 – PD at every committee meeting
- c. Add #6 – Membership of this committee

2. Presentation: Fire Safety Program – Chris Humphries & Brian Leonard (see attached PDF pgs. 4-16)

Chris Humphries presented the committee with information on the Fire Warden Program including its purpose, roles and responsibilities, assembly areas, and disability guidelines. There will be training offered and Fire Wardens will be on all campuses and in all buildings and specific areas to make sure there is help in all areas. There will also be a UFV Alert message that comes to your computers and cell phones in case of an emergency.

A discussion ensued around the fact that “areas of refuge” are no longer required in new building codes. As expressed by one member of the committee, “This is just not an option to not have one!” All members were concerned and consequently AAC will draft a document to ask for alternatives for areas of refuge. It was also suggested to put a radio with a call box in the areas of refuge.

Action Item: All committee members review the sections pertaining to disability evacuation and provide feedback to Chris Humphries chris.humphries@ufv.ca so that the appropriate changes can be made?

Action Item: Alyson Seale will help put together a list of those who speak in different languages and sign language in case interpretations are needed in an emergency.

3. Presentation: Trades and Students with Disabilities online module –Maureen Wideman

UFV and NVIT participated in a joint venture to create a learning disability module that looks at how to make the classroom experience more accessible to students. Although it focuses on trades and technology fields, the learning gained from this

module is applicable to any subject. Anyone around the world can access this module. See link here <http://ufv.ca/buildingstrengths>. Once you complete this module, a letter of completion from Teaching & Learning at UFV will be sent to you and can be put in your teaching dossier.

Once this module was completed, there was money left over to create an online Disabilities Resource Toolkit which was designed and completed by Suvneet Bains. This toolkit was designed to complement the Building Strengths module and is filled with resources and information to assist the learning for students with disabilities. see link here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-JvZcrIXRLtN3NkWXZVS1d2Z0U/view>

4. **Other Business**

4.1 **Accessibility at UFV**

Maureen Wideman briefly discussed a letter that was sent in from a high school student in a wheelchair who will be attending UFV in Fall 2016. One of the concerns was the washrooms at UFV were not big enough to accommodate his wheelchair. Maureen will forward the letter to Seanna Takacs in DRC.

4.2 **2016-2017 Meeting Schedule**

Oct 5, 2016, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, *AB C1429 & CEP 1369 (*note room change)

Dec 7, 2016, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, AB ABA 225 & CEP 1369

Feb 8, 2017, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, AB ABA 225 & CEP 1369

Apr 26, 2017, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, AB ABA 225 & CEP 1369

4.3 **Disability students taking buses to and from campuses** – Alyson Seale

There is some concern for students with disabilities who want to practice the bus run before school starts. Currently there is nothing in place to accommodate these students as the bus pass policy does not distribute until school starts. If any student needs this service do they go to the DRC? Seanna Takacs agreed that yes, she can get the bus passes.

5. **Professional Development**

Maureen asked the committee what some of the things they would like to do for PD. The following suggestions were made:

- More universal design, for example, barriers that institutions and individuals run up against. What works and what doesn't.
- Invite guest speakers
- Learn something specific like policy development
- Decisions made by Human Rights councils and their potential implication in BC
- Counselors to give workshop from PD day to our committee

6. **Membership**

Maureen encouraged everyone to feel free to bring a buddy and spread the word about this committee. The more people are talking about this the better.

Adjourned 4:37 pm