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Minutes for the Disability Issues Committee

Date and Time: March 20, 2019 / Meeting call to order: 11:45PM

Location: Library Room A207E

Presiding: Jorge Matos

Present: Julie Trachman, Ray Perez, Fabian Wander, Elys Vasquez-Iscan, Biao Jiang

Absent: Elyse Zucker, Julie Bencosme, Andy London, Destini Mitchel Murray (SGA Rep), Reynaldo Martinez (SGA Rep)

Guests: Stephanie Caban (CCSD@Hostos club President), Rena Grossman

Minutes Prepared by: Jorge Matos/Ray Perez

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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Call to Order | Greetings from Chair  | Quorum count was taken. Six voting members presentMeeting called to order at 11:45PM |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Acceptance of Agenda | Motion was made to approve agenda | The agenda was approved |
| Acceptance of the minutes | Motion was made to approve minutes with corrections from December. | The minutes were approved with the following changes:Raymond Perez was added to absent listPhrases changed and punctuation corrections added |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Nominations for vacant co-chair position | The committee discussed that Elyse Zucker would not be able to return this semester due to medical leave. It was suggested that Prof. Matos continue as singular Chair  | Committee agreed that Prof Matos continue as chair. Prof. Matos accepted nomination to stay as singular Chair |
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| Discussion on Committee Membership | It was reported that current members may have to take a leave of absence due to other obligations. A discussion was had whether they should be replaced | It was decided we would stay with the current committee membership and address vacancy issues after the semester is over  |
| Civility & Disability awareness campaign  | The Disability Issues Committee discussed the idea of implementing a civility campaign to bring awareness to individuals with mobility impairments and the need to give priority when accessing the campus elevators  | This will become an agenda item for future meetings. Committee to explore other ideas for promoting awareness on campus for students with mobility impairments  |
| **TOPIC**  | **DISCUSSION**  | **DECISION/ ACTION** |
| Lauren Gretina and physical barriers meeting follow up  | An update was given to the committee on our meeting with Facilities Superintendent Frank Virone and Chief Diversity Officer Lauren Gretina.  | Access from the B building to C building continues to be a concern for the committee. The committee would like to explore other alternatives. It was suggested that an outside agency be contracted to review access and compliance on our campus |
| Motion to adjourn meeting  |  | Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:15PM accepted unanimously |

Next Meeting:

TBA

Follow up items:

* Creating sub-committee to address a civility campaign to address staircase use and elevator priority for individuals with health and/or mobility impairments.
* Contacting outside agency to provide physical access consultation to assist with addressing physical barriers on campus.