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Minutes for the Disability Issues Committee

Date and Time: October 15, 2019 / Meeting call to order: 3:15PM

Location: Library Room A207E

Presiding: Jorge Matos

Present: Julie Trachman, Ray Perez, Fabian Wander, Elys Vasquez-Iscan, Sonia Maldonado, America Rahimee, Samaya Nasher

Absent: Andy London, Biao Jiang, Elyse Zucker

Guests: None

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. Eight voting members presentMeeting called to order at 3:15PM |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Acceptance of the agendaAcceptance of the minutes | Motion was made to approve agenda with corrections Motion was made to approve minutes from May 13, 2019 | Agenda approvedMay minutes was approved  |
| Chair’s Remarks | Committee Chair introduce three new members to our group. SGA members America Rahimee, Samaya Nasher and Faculty member Sonia Maldonado were welcomed | NA |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Fourth floor liftThird floor renovation  | Committee discussed email sent to college administrators about problems with lift and the possibility of building ramp. Email has never been answered and committee discussed how to proceed  | The following suggestions were made:To meet with Facilities and Diversity/ADA compliance committees about lift concernsTo approach and inform the Executive Committee  |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Elevator access awareness campaign  | Committee discuss recent concerns of students, faculty and staff with mobility impairments and the lack of priority access to elevators around campus | Committee discuss the following:Creating an awareness campaign which would include signage and outreach to our Hostos Community  |
| Mental Health on Campus | Committee members discuss the increasing numbers of students with disabilities on campus and the need for increasing supportive services. Community based resources were highlighted Department of Health and mental health and first aid training for students,Jewish Board and training for Faculty and Staff on MH issuesMental health Training by the Mayor’s Office | The creation of a video was discuss of mental health resources to be shared with staff, faculty and students to better assist with referral service A subcommittee will be created to discuss video  |
| **TOPIC**  | **DISCUSSION**  | **DECISION/ ACTION** |
| Motion to adjourn meeting  |  | Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:17 PM accepted unanimously |

Next Meeting:

TBA

Follow up items:

1. Creating sub-committee to address a civility campaign to address staircase use and elevator priority for individuals with health and or mobility impairments.
2. Contacting outside agency that provide physical access consultation in help with addressing physical barriers.
3. Follow up meeting with Lauren Gretina to discuss letter sent by faculty regarding fourth floor lift and third floor renovations.