2021/2022 COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE

Disability Issues

CHAIR OF COMMITTEE

Elyse Zucker & Jessica Powell

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Biao Jiang, Minfeng Lin, Jessica Powell, Jorge Matos, Alexandra Milsom, Julie Trachman, Anne Rounds, Elyse Zucker, Raymond Perez, Sonia Maldonado

DATES COMMITTEE MET

Oct. 27th, 2021; Nov. 22nd, 2021; Dec. 14th, 2021; Mar. 8th, 2022, prospective meeting date May 20th, 2022

ACTIONS TAKEN (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC)

- On behalf of the committee, Jessica and Elyse met with the Facilities Committee Chairperson, Prof. Marcella Bencivenni about what actions need to be taken regarding the B Building chair-lift problem; steps to be taken involve inquiry, discovery process of authorities involved. Investigation not yet completed.

- In collaboration with ARC, further action updating and employing the “COVID Catharsis” project underway.

- Established a foundation via discussion for finding ways to support students with disabilities in the classroom, such as obtaining funding for projects and implementing Universal Design training for faculty and staff; and disseminating information about ALLY, a Blackboard program for promoting accessibility in the classroom.

- Discussed introducing and disseminating to the committee members and the college contemporary models of thinking about disability along with traditional models.

- Created a Disabilities Issues Committee Logo
HAVE STUDENTS BEEN REGULAR, PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMITTEE?

Yes, in the fall of 2021

Attach any additional information or concerns you may have to this form and send it by May 13, 2021 to:

Professors Julie Trachman and Michael Gosset, Co-Chairs of Committee on Committees, as well as Professor Ernest Ialongo, Chair of Hostos College Senate.

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