

Report of the Faculty Committee on Disabilities Concerns

Respectfully submitted by: S. Kenneth Thurman, Chair

This committee was newly formed and became operational only during the spring 2016 semester. Consequently there is not a whole lot to report. The committee met twice, once in March and again in May. These meetings were helpful in allowing the members to become acquainted with each other, selecting terms, selecting a chair and beginning to formulate a series of issues to be addressed in the fall. In addition, the committee began to do some data gathering to begin to identify the number of faculty and students who are currently receiving accommodations related to their disabilities. Come fall, the committee plans to meet on a regular basis, likely once a month. Early in the next semester we plan to further flesh out our goals and agenda. Moreover, we will invite Deirdre Walton from HR to come and discuss the procedures by which faculty can seek accommodations. We are also hopeful that we will be able early in the fall to identify one undergraduate and one graduate student to be members of the committee as stipulated in the motion that established the committee. Hopefully by this time next year we will be able to report on some substantive outcomes accomplished by the committee.

The following people are members of the committee;

- S. Kenneth Thurman, Chair
- Michael Sachs
- Richard Pomerantz
- Debra Blair
- Susan Bertolino
- Jeromy Stivek
- Aaron Spector, ex officio