

**DISABILITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
2006-2007**

The Disability Affairs Committee met two times during the previous school year, November 14, 2006 and May 16, 2007. Topics of interest during the past year included:

1. Accessibility of Williams Brice Stadium – Several patrons expressed concern regarding parking, the elevators in the stadium and the location of wheelchair seating. Bobby Gist met with Athletic Department personnel to discuss these issues and a response was sent from the Athletic Department to those who expressed concerns.
2. Accessibility of Buildings on Campus - Students, faculty and staff continue to identify issues regarding the physical accessibility of buildings on campus. During the past year, 10 adjustable tables were ordered for classrooms and an accessible lab table was completed in the Physical Sciences Building. Facilities management works closely with SDS to identify areas that are not accessible for students and to make these areas workable and safe for students. During the 2007-2008 year, the committee hopes to work with Facilities Management to help in identifying and prioritizing other areas of concern.
3. Based on data collected from the National College Health Assessment, more students reported having a disability than are actually registered with the Student Disability Services Office. Many of these students report that factors regarding their disability do affect their academic performance. The SDS office is working to better inform the campus community about services offered and to improve the procedures for registering with the office.
4. During the past year, 454 students were registered with SDS, which is an increase of 82 students from the previous year. This is a significant increase for students and represents a tremendous increase in staff resources. For the 2007-2008 school year, the office will add a learning disabilities specialist and an assistive technology lab to improve services for students with disabilities.
5. During the past year, Vehicle Management has operated the van service for students with disabilities. Students have seemed pleased with these changes and the office has received fewer complaints than from the year before. The major issue for students during the past year has been to have accessible transportation in the evenings to match the evening shuttle system. Derrick Huggins is working to have an accessible alternative for the evening shuttle during the 2007-2008 school year.

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