

Faculty Senate Committee on Disabilities Concerns
Annual Committee Report: April 6, 2021
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The Committee on Disabilities Concerns has had a fruitful year even as we navigate through limitations due to Covid. While we did not meet on a monthly basis, we met 2 during each semester. Below outlines our efforts for SY 2020-2021.

1. Current committee membership list including changes in membership during the 2020-2021 academic year.

- Debra Blair, (Chr.) STHM, 1-1077, debra.blair@temple.edu, '22
- Douglas Greenfield, CLA, douglas.greenfield@temple.edu, '23
- Lisa Kay, TYL, 8-9264, lisa.kay@temple.edu, '23
- Adil Khan, LKSM, 2-0965, adil.khan@temple.edu, '22**
- Kimberly Mckay, CPH, 1-8673, kimberly.mckay@temple.edu, '23
- Mark Salzer, CPH, 1-7879, mark.salzer@temple.edu, '24**
- Ex-Officio:
- ~~Jean Boyer, CEHD, 1-6090, jean.boyer@temple.edu~~
- Andrea Vassar, Director Disability Resources & Services
- Kate Fialkowski, Assc. Dir., Institute on Disabilities, 1-6560, kate.fialkowski@temple.edu

2. Structural changes to the committee (e.g., creation of new subcommittees)

There were no structural changes to the committee. The entire committee worked as a team on our various projects. However, there is a proposed subcommittee that may be created in the Summer 2021 to assist with the development of the Disability Nexus website, which is part of the Diversity Nexus website that launched in Spring 2021.

3. Number and frequency of meetings

While it was the intention of the committee to meet on a monthly basis, due to scheduling and other circumstances we met twice in the Fall semester and three times in the Spring. The dates are outlined below.

Fall 2020:

October 22nd

November 19th

Spring 2021:

January 28th

February 25th

April 29th

4. Issues addressed by the committee.

Support for the Disability Nexus Portal creation on the Temple website
Training and support for faculty, staff and students.

5. Decisions or actions taken on issues:

The primary focus of the committee was to work towards the completion of a major project that was introduced in the year prior, the development of a access portal on the Temple Univ website that would serve as a gateway to access for all current and potential stakeholders of the University. We continued to work with collaboratively with Val Harrison and her office on making access to disabilities information more prominent on the Temple website. This will continue to be a work in progress for this committee until the completion of the site. The committee was able to meet with Val Harrison and Andrea Caporale Seiss to provide information, resources, and support on the development of the site.

Phase 1: <https://diversity.temple.edu/disabilities/about-disability-network>

The committee also engaged in critical dialogue about the need to advocate and possibly create further opportunities for the training and development of faculty, staff around issues of inclusion, accommodations and strategies for fostering a more inclusive culture for faculty, staff and students with disabilities.

The committee provided support for the annual Disability and Change Symposium. We applied and received funds (\$500) for the conference which transitioned from in-person Spring 2020. The funds helped support the speakers for the conference. The Symposium was a tremendous success. There were 300 registrations, 175 attendees, and 150 concurrent users. The educational module can be found here: [Welcome and Contents | 2021 Disability and Change Symposium | Disability Studies | Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, College of Education and Human Development.](#)

6. Name/contact info of chair for 2021-22 academic year.

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