

Persons Present: Gary, James, Jeremy, Jim, Maressa, Mika, Sam, and Tiffany

I. Announcements

1. The ADA committee meeting will be held in November 15/17 (there was some discrepancies about the date) in Cheadle 5123.
2. Jim was invited to a World Congress regarding blind navigation. This was sponsored by National Federation of the Blind, and it was held in Maryland. He was able to see some new adaptive technology devices. If you are interested in learning about what was covered, please contact Dr. Jim Marston.
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3. The CSUN conference which showcases adaptive technology is usually held in mid-March each year. Last year, a group of students from CODA were able to see some of the vendors' exhibits. If you are interested in attending this year, we will try to form a group of students so that we can carpool down to the conference.
4. CODA has just acquired a sandwich board. We will be able to post all of our announcements, pictures, and other information about the organization. This will be very useful to us in the future. Thanks to Sam for acquiring the sandwich board.
5. The AS Congress will be voting on priorities for the upcoming school year next week. CODA needs to examine our goals from last year. If they have not been met, we need to consider drafting another proposal so that AS Congress can vote on it and we can receive their support.

II. ADA Proposals

The following were possible proposals for the ADA Committee for the 2005-2006 school year.

* Sponsor a conference with members from campus departments who are interested in disability-related issues. (e.g. a student in the geography department is doing research concerning individuals with disabilities.) James suggested we also raise funds from other local organization. The conference could also incorporate leadership training that addresses accommodating the needs of people with special needs. Leadership training is a key component to the success of students at this university.

* We would like more adaptive technology products/licenses. DSP would like to have an adaptive technology lab in Embarcadero, as well as adaptive computers at CLAS (Campus Learning Assistance Services.) We would also like to obtain funding for a braille embosser which can produce graphics. (Many companies, including Apple and HP are willing to donate products to universities or at the very least, sell their products at reduced prices. We may want to check and see if vendors of adaptive equipment have similar policies.)

* Have a coping coach for students with AD/HD students. DSP would also like to provide support for students suffering from bipolar disorder. (Overall support for those suffering from psychological disorders.

* We would like funding to research the accessibility of buildings/transportation in our local community. DSP has already begun posting information about accessible restaurants, movie theaters, and transportation companies on their website. It would be great to provide prospective and current students with information about the accessibility of places in the local community.

Please join us for our next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday October 26, in the AS building, room 2533 from 2 to 3 P.M. If you have any questions, please contact the chairman, Sam Marks at
sam_marks@umail.ucsb.edu

Thank you.