

Hello Everyone,
Here are the minutes for the meeting that was held on October 24.

"Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing."--Elie Wiesel

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

I. Access Survey

On Monday October 23, the campus began conducting a survey in response to concerns about accessibility for students, staff, and faculty having disabilities. The survey addresses such issues as unmarked bike paths, poorly labeled buildings, and accommodations provided by the Disabled Students Program. We would appreciate it if this survey was completed as soon as possible by anyone who may be able to provide insight into these issues. The link to the survey is at <http://research.survey.ucsb.edu/disability/>

If you have difficulties accessing it online, you may contact a professional interviewer at 805-893-2099 during the following times:

Thursday October 26: 8 A.M. to 12 P.M.
Friday October 27: 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.
Sunday October 29: 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.
Thursday November 2: 8 A.M. to 12 P.M.
Friday November 3: 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.
Sunday November 5: 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

If you would like more information about this survey, please feel free to contact Professor George Singer at singer@education.ucsb.edu or Dr. Daphne Bugental at bugental@psych.ucsb.edu
Thank you.

II. Sensitivity to The Needs of Students with Disabilities

Several weeks ago, a student had an experience which needs to be addressed.

A professor announced to the entire class, "I need to find out what I am going to do with this hardworking disabled student. I need to figure out how she will participate in this assignment." This is clearly a breach of confidentiality as it is not appropriate for faculty members to mention a student's disability in the classroom. This is an issue that we will

address with the Disabled Students Program and the professor to ensure that it does not happen again. (Perhaps some sensitivity training within each department would help.) Another incident occurred to said student today when test accommodations were requested. Being visually impaired, the student normally takes blank proctor forms to the professor and fills them out at the time of the proctor request. However, one of the professors flatly said, "I can't sign this until you fill it out. Have someone help you fill this out and bring it back to me on Thursday." Although this was not a direct breach of any formal rules, the professor could have taken thirty seconds to assist the student with the paperwork. A question as to whether it would be possible for DSP to preprint information such as student's name and contact information on proctor forms was discussed. This could be one of the measures taken to prevent similar incidents from occurring again.

We hope you will be able to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday October 31 from 2 to 3 P.M. in the CODA Office, AS Building, Room 2533. If you have any comments, questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact the chairman of CODA, Sam Marks at sam_marks@uemail.ucsb.edu If your question is directly related to these meeting minutes, please contact me, Tiffany Kim, at tjkim@uemail.ucsb.edu Thank you.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Kim