

Persons Present: James, Jim, Maressa, Mika, Sam, Tiffany
Welcome back to all members, old and new!

First, I would like to thank Sam, Jeremy, Mika, and Gary for their work over the summer. Mika, Gary, and Jeremy did RA training, and Sam and Jeremy did a dorm presentation regarding disability issues. Thanks also to Gary for speaking with the TA's on campus.

I. ADA Committee Issues

1. Braille Signage: Linda (head of ADA Committee) sent out an E-mail about putting together a list of classrooms which require braille signage. We would eventually like to see braille signage on all classrooms, since no classroom takes precedence, but we can work up to this goal, starting with buildings used by most students, such as the UCEN.
2. Proposal: The due date for ADA proposals has been moved to the beginning of the school year. We will need to find out when these proposals are due so that we as a group can make suggestions on which the ADA Committee can vote.

II. Goals for the Upcoming Year

1. Tabling: We would like to do more tabling events and reach out to other students and faculty. There are many individuals who are probably interested in CODA, but have not attended the meetings. We would also like to host another event like our Sidewalk Etiquette event which was such a success last year.
2. Outreach to Campus Departments: We would like to make the faculty members throughout the campus departments aware about the accommodations needed by staff and students with disabilities. Mika put together a powerpoint presentation which we can use, once we get our plan under way. (Thanks Mika!) James suggested that we go to the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor Young, or Vice-Chancellor in charge of ADA Administration to implement this plan of giving presentations.
3. Emergency Preparedness: James is part of the local chapter of the American Red Cross Committee on Emergency Preparedness. He pointed out that an emergency evacuation plan is implemented in federal buildings. This plan also takes disabled people into consideration. UCSB is a public institution, and we do not have the means to evacuate people with disabilities, particularly those using wheelchairs. We do not have enough emergency wheelchairs and they are not easily accessible to those who may need them. Some of the staff members are not even aware that they exist. We would like to implement an emergency preparedness plan for UCSB, should an emergency warrant its use.
4. List Compilation: We will need to prepare an annual report detailing our accomplishments for the past year.
5. Social Events: We would also like to host more social events to bring the students together. Some ideas that were suggested were karaoke nights, showings of movies, guest lecturers, and bowling.