

UWSP Differing Abilities Advisory Council (DAC)

Recent Activities and Accomplishments in Relation to the Council's Charge 2021-2022 Report to Chancellor Gibson

1. Assess accessibility on campus.
 - Advocated and ensured chairs for people awaiting testing and results for COVID-19 testing at UWSP (all three campuses).
 - Continued conversation and advocacy for an adult changing table on the UWSP main campus. Advised Facilities Services on the installation and identification of a location to best serve people on campus and within the community.
 - Discussed and confirmed adequate signage regarding accessibility on all campuses.
 - Creation and continuation of a shared Excel Spreadsheet to document all accessible facilities and buildings on three campuses.
2. Identify needs of persons with disabilities.
 - Provide a forum for discussion of current accessibility and inclusion issues on all campuses based on the perspectives of DAC members who represent a variety of units and offices.
3. Promote disability awareness to the campus community.
 - Developed a partnership with Midstate Independent Living Choices (MILC) and hosted a table event at the DUC to bring awareness to both council, university, and community resources.
 - Disability Awareness Month subcommittee was created to focus on promoting Disability Awareness for the 2022-2023 academic year and will meet over the summer to begin work on Disability Awareness Month (October 2022).
 - Ensured council representation on the Chancellor's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.
4. Provide feedback and recommendations to the Director of the Disability and Assistive Technology Center.
 - Provided feedback and support to the Director of the (former) DATC regarding the rebranding of the DATC to the Disability Resource Center (DRC).
 - Provided a forum to the (former) DATC regarding policies and procedures to support the needs of students with disabilities in classrooms and other academic settings.
5. Provide feedback and recommendations to UW-Stevens Point faculty, staff, directors and administrators as appropriate.
 - Voted to expand the DAC membership to include a member from each branch campus.
 - Recruited and voted to include student representatives to the council.
 - Voted to expand the DAC reach to include other student organizations and councils, including, Student Academy of Audiology, Student Government Association, and Resident Hall Association.

- Discussion and feedback to Facilities Services concerning the redesign of Albertson Hall to ensure accessibility was a priority.
- Provided feedback to Human Resources regarding the new webpage dedicated to equity, diversity, and inclusion on campus.

DAC Membership for Academic Year 2021-2022

Voting Members

Rachel Craig (Co-Chair, Communication Sciences and Disorders)

Kate Kipp (Co-Chair, Sociology and Social Work)

Danielle Banaszynski (AuD. graduate student)

Jess Dotl (social work undergraduate student)

Miranda Gentry-Siegel (Advising, Wausau Campus)

Kendra Liddicoat (chair, 2019-2021) (College of Natural Resources)

Michaela Knepfel (Admissions)

Susan LeBow (University Centers)

Brian Panzer (Facility Services, Marshfield Campus)

Laura Polum (Academic and Career Advising)

Jason Siewert (Counseling Center)

Allison Tabor (social work undergraduate student)

Blake Voss (Au.D. graduate student)

Ex-Officio and Ad-Hoc Members

Michelle Boernke (UWSP Marshfield Campus Executive)

M.J. Bostic (Residential Living)

Paul Hassler (Facility Services)

Ann Herda-Rapp (UWSP Wausau Campus Executive)

Andy Held (Disability Resource Center)

Katy Horn (University Store)

Matthew Rogers (Resident Hall Association)

Eric Roesler (Human Resources)

Cindy Von Gnechten (Facility Services)