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FROM: Bernie L. Patterson, Chancellor 

RE: Charge to 2018-19 Differing Abilities Council

This memo serves as your official appointment to the UW-Stevens Point Differing Abilities Council. As described in Regent Policy 14-10, "each Chancellor shall appoint an advisory committee, including students, to provide information and recommendations responsive to the needs and concerns of individuals with disabilities." The Differing Abilities Council is an advisory committee to the Chancellor. This Council's responsibilities include:

- assessing accessibility on campus;
- identifying needs of persons with disabilities;
- promoting disability awareness to the campus community;
- providing feedback and recommendations to the Director of Disabilities Services and Assistive Technology;
- providing feedback and recommendations to UW-Stevens Point faculty, staff, directors and administrators as appropriate.

In addition to the standing goals of the Differing Abilities Council, I would like the group to focus on the following:

1. Hold regular monthly meetings and continue to discuss reported disability and accessibility concerns.
2. Continue to identify and implement methods for increasing disability awareness and educating our campus community about disabilities and accessibility, such as the *Celebrate All Abilities* event.
3. Provide input with the facilities planning process for new university construction and renovations to ensure accessibility considerations are addressed.
4. Collaborate with the Office of Admissions to identify areas to enhance our ability to recruit students with disabilities.
5. Collaborate with the Human Resources and Affirmative Action Department to identify areas to enhance our ability to recruit faculty and staff with disabilities.
6. Monitor campus accessibility and identify areas of campus that may need improvement.
7. Continue to create, update and refine educational material such as the disability awareness web site and display boards.
8. Report disability and accessibility related concerns to the Chancellor in an end-of-year report as well as reporting urgent concerns immediately to the appropriate administrator.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on this important committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.