

## **Campus Connection Meeting September 13, 2006, 8:30 a.m. in Hyer 217**

Jessica Cole began the meeting by having those present introduce themselves and their area.

Connie Wiersma, Assistant Director for the Center for Students with Disabilities was introduced to the group. She spoke on the following topics: Accessibility on campus during construction, mandated and non-mandated services offered by CSD, emergency building evacuation procedures, status of staff vacancies at CSD, student opportunities both paid and volunteer and the Universal Design Policy which has been adopted by the campus.

### **CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON CSD**

- Only the back (facing Winther and Heidi) doors of Roseman are operational during the construction. Both have had automatic door openers installed.
- Walkway behind UC is 1:12 grade which is up to code, but may be difficult for those with hand powered wheelchairs to navigate.
- A laminated map is available to students showing wheelchair accessible and steep grade routes around campus.
- Students who cannot navigate steps may have to go through buildings and up/down elevators to get from one building to another on campus, taking longer to get between classes. Instructors have been asked to be understanding.
- Transportation van routes have been modified for the extra time needed for transportation.

### **MANDATORY SERVICES PROVIDED BY CSD**

- Mandated services are those services that provide students the necessary access to curricula such as note taking, interpreting, classroom accommodations (furniture, technology), and alternative media such as books on tape, Braille and E-Text.

### **NON MANDATED SERVICES PROVIDED BY CSD**

- Non-Mandated Services are those that the student has access to but must pay for out of pocket or through an agency. These services are Project Assist (tutoring, homework, software), transportation, homework aids, specialized hardware or software.
- A physical therapist is available in Roseman
- Project Assist services cost \$950/semester for a Freshman or Sophomore and \$750/semester for a Junior or Senior who chooses to receive the services.
- The Personal Care Agencies available to students living in Whitewater are Lutheran Social Services and Society's Assets.

### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION/ELEVATOR MALFUNCTION PROCEDURES**

- In the event of an elevator malfunction expected to last 30 minutes or more and a student is non-ambulatory and located above or below ground-floor level in a building, the following steps should be taken:
  1. Student should contact CSD or UHCS-PT for non-emergency egress assistance.
  2. Staff will assist student to ground floor.
  3. During non business hours, call 911 or 9-911 to request assistance from campus police.
- An emergency evacuation procedure discussion should be initiated by the student with the instructor so both are aware of what should be done if such a situation should arrive during a given class. Instructors should make themselves aware of the evacuation procedures for the buildings and floors where they are teaching.

## **CSD STAFF**

Currently on staff at CSD are: Elizabeth Watson, the new CSD Director; Nancy Amacher, the Associate Director; Mike Maldonado is filling a 1 year position left by Jamie Leurquin Learning Disabilities; Graciela Colin-Dealca and Karen Fisher are Student Services Coordinators this year; Bonnie Vander Muelen has been hired by UW-W as a Consultant. Connie Wiersma is the Assistant Director.

## **EXPECTATIONS/CONSIDERATIONS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Students with disabilities are held to the same standards and deadlines for homework, etc. as any other student. They are given extra time to complete tests and a place to take the test by CSD. Students are to bring an accommodations form to their instructors so that classroom and testing accommodations can be planned. An alternative testing form should be given to the professor by the student one week prior to test so instructor can have exam delivered to CSD.

## **STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

There are many opportunities for students to earn community service credit by volunteering at CSD as well as opportunities to earn an income. Some of the available positions are:

Volunteer: note takers, test proctors and reading books onto tape.

Paid positions: tutors, van drivers, lab monitors, scanners, class aides, and desk workers.

## **UNIVERSAL DESIGN POLICY**

The Universal Design Policy was adopted by the UW-W campus as a policy all new construction must follow. College of Business Building has been planned according to these concepts. Some of the principles are: Color coded entrances to rooms for higher visibility, levered door handles, etc. These principles are designed to make access available to all including elderly, children and disabled.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

UW-Green Bay Conference is coming up October 6<sup>th</sup>. Several classified employees from UW-W are planning to attend. Those at the meeting were encouraged to contact others planning to attend and arrange for carpooling.

Next Classified Connection meeting will be Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 in Hyer 217.