

DAIC (Disability Access and Inclusion Committee)

Meeting Notes (Winter Quarter)

Tuesday, February 4, 2026 – 2:00–3:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Committee Members: Kaitlyn Blakey, Tina Grobe, Jen Donaldson, Ryan Ritchie, Danielle Leone, Tonia Malone, Marlene Cramer, Alicia Cruz, Holly Clark, John Lee, Aubrie Adams, Maneesh Kumar

Co-chairs: Jen Donaldson; John Lee

Absent: Craig Schultz, Avari Brocker, Mirielle Fong, Anthony Palazzo, Shelly Giesmann, Mark Cabeliza, Pei Zhang

Welcome and Introductions

The co-chairs welcomed members and reviewed the purpose of the Winter Quarter meeting.

Disability Resource Center Updates – Jen

- **Student Enrollment:** Continued upward trend in DRC registrations. Current Winter 2026 figures indicate a strong increase compared to this time last year.
- **Tram/Paratransit Service:** Usage has grown as access expands to faculty and staff. HR continues to manage eligibility notifications.
- **Testing Services:** Demand remains high. The center is exploring additional space options following record usage during Fall finals. Reminder issued regarding *5-day advance scheduling* to support staffing and space needs.
- **Staffing:** The newly hired Assistant Director, **Ginger Davidson Keller**, has begun onboarding. Access specialists continue to manage high caseloads (~600 students each).
- **Program Development:** Ongoing efforts to secure funding for a coaching representative to support student success and navigation of accommodations.

Physical Accessibility Updates – Facilities

- **Accessibility Feedback Form:** Reiterated importance of using the form for campus barrier reporting.
 - **Current Projects:** No major accessibility construction projects underway at this time.
 - **ADA Transition Plan:** The campus continues awaiting the formal assessment report following sidewalk mapping performed by DAX robots.
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Identified Needs (from Campus Members) – John

No new formal submissions; committee will continue to track trends and encourage user reporting through the feedback form.

Access Watch – John / Jen

Recent meeting with the ASI Secretary indicated interest in a student-driven initiative where ASI could “adopt” specific buildings to help identify accessibility barriers. Planning for next steps is underway.

NaviLens Project Update – John / Jen

The committee reviewed progress on implementing NaviLens as a supplemental wayfinding tool, especially benefitting blind and low-vision community members. Next steps include testing signage in select pilot locations.

ATI (Accessible Technology Initiative) – Craig

No new ATI report provided due to absence.

Title II ADA – Web/Mobile Accessibility Rule & MIDAS Updates – Tonia

- MIDAS remediation support efforts continue to expand.
 - Communications and English departments remain key partners, with student support integrated into course-based service.
 - Target goal: **Remediate 250 courses by April 2026.**
 - Determination of a long-term ATI Coordinator remains pending.
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ASI Updates

No ASI representative attended; no update provided.

Other Department / Division Accessibility Updates

No new updates reported.

DAIC Workgroups – Signups & Plans

Workgroups confirmed for 2026, with meeting schedules to be finalized:

1. **Physical Accessibility Issues / ADA Transition Plan**
 2. **Inclusive Design Champions**
 3. **Accessible Paratransit for Faculty/Staff** – May be moved under the Events Accessibility Workshop committee due to ongoing campus paratransit planning.
 4. **NaviLens / Accessible Wayfinding (Indoor & Outdoor)**
 5. **Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) 5/21/26** – Early planning for event focus and programming to begin this quarter.
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Other Items

- Aubrie reiterated concerns about **poster session accessibility**, specifically lack of wheelchair access and challenges for individuals with cognitive processing disabilities.

- The committee discussed potential collaboration with another campus committee to develop **best practices for accessible academic events**.
 - Item added to Spring meeting agenda for further discussion.
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Next Meeting

Winter Quarter (TBD).

Faculty Sharing Steering Committee is seeking members; interested individuals should contact **Ginger Davidson Keller** or **Jen Donaldson**.