# Meeting Minutes

# President’s Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

# Monday November 27, 2023

* Opening Thought or Quote – Mike Hudson
* Volunteer for next month’s opening thought or quote
* Introductions
* Topic – Issues Impacting Students with Disabilities
* Presentations
	+ Mike Hudson - RCPD
		- General stats and trends
		- Staffing needs
			* Q. What is the average case load for specialists?
				+ Between 400 – 500 per specialist
			* How does that compare to other Big Ten universities?
				+ We’re all facing similar challenges, but some Universities are getting more positions filled
	+ Shelby Gombosi - RCPD
		- VISA/VISTA name change
		- College liaisons
		- Fundamental alteration committee
		- New self-paced training in D2L on disability and the learning community
		- Sensory rooms
		- Remote learning
			* Q. What does RCPD do to assist students who might not have access to healthcare resources?
				+ They are connected to specialists and other resources
			* Q. Are there MSU full-time employee that provide CART services for our students?
				+ We have two staff positions and captioning services available
			* Q. Who pays for CART or ASL interpreter?
				+ Students have to be taking a credit class to qualify and employees are funded by their Unit
			* Q. How are we ensuring that accountability and needs are being met?
				+ We work with HR, and the Office of Institutional Equity
	+ Tyler Smeltekop - RCPD
		- Key technology initiatives (notetaking Technology Advantage, tactile imaging)
			* Q. How do you target and communicate student groups?
				+ We’re developing an opt-in listserv
	+ Chris Stone-Sewalish – RHS – Housing
		- Two year-live on requirement
		- Increase in students registering and requesting single rooms
		- Single rooms for disability related reasons
		- Barrier free rooms
			* Q. Why is there a current decline in those needing accommodations?
				+ Decline in class sizes since 2022 and decline in students asking for accommodations
			* Q. Who does Housing work with for accessibility?
				+ CSC, UHS, RPCD, IPF, and Housing Facilities
* Break
* Committee discussion and recommendations