# 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