# PACDI September 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Evalyn Yanna, Tracy Leahy, Diane Barker, Colleen Floyd, Virginia Martz, Alexis Travis, Laura Rugless, Heidi Schroder (for Zoe McLaughlin), Emily Abrams, Connor Le, Barb Kranz, Galit Pelled, Pitor Pasik, Dan Lonstein, Jeff Swada, Sam Fortino, Aaron Pena, Amber Ng, Brooke Jeffrey, Caitlin Mack, Jen Hirsch, Jenny Shafer, Lisa Sudia, Noah Lubben, Shelby Gombosi, Steve Stofflet, Emily Abrahams.

* Mission, charge, and role of committee
  + Bylaws were updated a few years ago (they are on our website if you’d like to read them). Our mission is to advise the President and University Stakeholders how to provide a more equitable, inclusive, and accessible university for our community with disabilities. The char is analyzing and identifying these issues and proposing solutions, then making recommendations.
* 2023-2024 progress report and recommendations
  + Last year we heard from 18 campus partners that resulted in more than 20 suggestions and recommendations.
  + We will complete the report again this year and have a draft at the March meeting, and present to the President in April. This year Tracy Leahy will follow up on the recommendations made last year and see what progress has been made.
* Discussion and awareness
  + 3 new bills passed by ASMSU that directly relate to RCPD, OCR, and potentially PACDI
    - Bill No. 60-73: Discusses the need for a new data system for RCPD. It goes over the issues with the student facing side of SDS, MyProfile.
    - Bill No. 59-97: Discusses physical accessibility and the need for greater signage.
    - Bill No. 57-91: Discusses the need for digital accessibility with the various learning platforms instructors use.
      * While AI is improving, it’s still not perfect. CART is a good option, although strong infrastructure can be required. Zoom offers captioning, but in order to post the video with the captioning, the files have to be merged and often edited and a lot of people don’t have the training for this.
      * Sensory friendly rooms are needed. Only one room open currently, in the Breslin Center. Both RCPD and the Library are building room(s). More rooms are needed in the different areas of campus.
      * Sensory rooms should be updated in space planning and shown on maps.
      * Who pays for the updated technology?
* Disability Pride Month Events and Programming – Collen Floyd
  + Held in October due to more students on campus
  + Different events scheduled throughout the month, check social media and their guide for events
* Disability Summit – Shelby Gombosi
  + First time hosting such an event
  + Jay Dalmage is keynote speaker and many sessions on different disability related topics
  + Huge turnout, very expensive to do for so many people, need additional funding
* Disability & Reasonable Accommodation Policy Draft Revisions – Tracy Leahy
  + Copy of draft policy will be sent to PACDI members for review/feedback
  + Has not been updated since 2016 when first issued
  + Presented to the Steering Committee of Academic Governance already