Update to UMC Campus Assembly

From UMC Disability Services

The Committee on Access will meet in April at a yet to be determined date. The attached information represents a summary of information and activity related to UMC and University wide disability issues.

University campus DS coordinators met via ITV on 3/25/01 with representatives from all campuses. Topics covered included:

1. a summary of the recent report to the Board of Regents delivered by Bobbi Cordano, Director (available from L. Wilson for interested persons)
2. an inquiry regarding each campus's ability to provide support to faculty and staff with disabilities, and needs for training in this area
3. a discussion of how other campuses deal with students who have been told they have a disability but do not have documentation
4. arrangements for a formal, intensive summer mentoring program for interpreters hoping to interpret at the college level
5. web accessibility (see attached handouts for most recent U guidelines and info
6. potential shared costs to purchase captioning equipment for the U
7. use of C-print as an accommodation for students who are deaf or hard of hearing (C-print is a software system that could be compared to an automated court reporting function)

Discussion regarding scheduling the second training for the Curriculum Transformation and Disability Project (CTAD) has begun. It is likely that 6-10 UMC faculty will once again be funded to participate in the two-day training workshop. While dates are not firm yet up, two days during the Week of August 13 seem most likely at this time. Please watch for further announcements regarding CTAD.

HEAPR funds allotted to UMC for ADA access improvements for 2000-2001 have been designated for improving campus directional and informational signs. Feiro, Zak, Svec, and Wilson are to assist with this project in collaboration with the University Sign Shop. HEAPR funds can be used for physical plant improvements but not new construction.

Three staff will attend the Psychiatric Disabilities on Campus training at NDSU on 4/2/01, and will provide a summary of this information to the campus.

Persons with concerns regarding disability access issues are encouraged to forward those to L. Wilson or any other member of the UMC Committee on Access. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Please see the materials included on Web accessibility. These guidelines, developed by U staff, have been accepted as policy guidelines by the Minnesota Department of Administration. It is anticipated that they will become policy guidelines for the University community.