AIT Policy / Accessibility of Information Technology Policy

We are in contact with TC campus about this needed training. It was delayed from this spring to a later date due a TC staff person’s unexpected heart surgery. DS will work with Academic Affairs to identify a date for training.

Campus Construction

The closing of Bede Student Center creates some new challenges to accessibility that will remain until the new student center is opened. Students with disabilities affected by the outdoor routes to classrooms and campus services should request priority registration through the disability services office to develop schedules that take this into account for the next 18 months. There will also be changes to available parking since much of it will be temporarily lost due to the construction project extending onto Lot A and the Mall Drive. Persons with disabilities who experience difficulty moving about campus should notify disability services. Where changes in rooms or schedules are needed and possible the campus can make them. We will work with all persons to improve any problem situations.

Improvements to the north entrance of Robertson (power assist door, concrete grade / ramp and possible removal of the small annex attached to the north entrance) will begin very soon. This will allow for easy access from Kiehle to essential campus services relocated to Robertson.

Many positive comments have been offered regarding the elevator to Kiehle Auditorium, accessible bathrooms in Kiehle, and improved sound system.

Clarification of some disability access needs in the new student center drawings need to be made. Overall it will offer a tremendously improved experience for all users.

HEAPR funding request

A request for planning money for a comprehensive assessment of needed elevator upgrades and renovations is included in the UMC HEAPR request. Campus elevators in Dowell, Hill, Owen and SCC require increasing maintenance each year and ultimately will need replacement.

Congratulations to graduates

Once again, several UMC students with disabilities will complete their degrees this spring and summer. Congratulations to those students for their perseverance, accomplishments and contributions to the campus.

Committee on Access Meeting

The spring semester meeting of the Committee on Access will be scheduled soon. Please forward agenda items to L. Wilson or K. Myers.

-submitted by L. Wilson