DSPS Title 5 Rewrite Workgroup  
October 1, 2013  
Executive Summary

The purpose of the workgroup is to update and clarify Title 5 regulations so they are equitable and consistent; to align with ADAA amendments, new and emerging disabling conditions, innovations in technology and the need to update terminology and language.

The workgroup is an advisory group and will advise and recommend regulations to the Chancellor’s Office. After hearing recommendations and feedback from the Consultation Council, the Chancellor will make the final decision on what goes in the final regulation package which will go to the Board of Governors. This workgroup will provide concepts and ideas so Division of Legal Affairs can write the recommended regulations. The Workgroup will review the recommended regulations and draft the implementing guidelines.

Chancellor’s Office Legal Affairs attorney explained the process and estimated that, if all went well, it would take at least a year. Therefore, optimistically April 2015 is our target for a final approved product, which would include new guidelines.

The workgroup spent the rest of the morning discussing the ideas for Title 5 regulation changes prioritized by the Disability Policy Workgroup. This was followed by members breaking into 3 small groups to discuss each of the 35 regulations, and consider the following options:

- Leave regulation alone except for updating language/terminology;
- Regulation requires minor revision; and,
- Regulations requiring a major overhaul.

After lively discussions, the groups were able to come to consensus on fourteen of the regulations, and most of the remaining regulations were more an issue of people being undecided whether a revision was minor or major but there was more agreement on general concepts.

One area that will require a substantial discussion at the next meeting was whether to remove the disability groups from the regulations and place them in guidelines, or keep them in the regulations and expand whenever necessary. There are pros and cons to this issue and clarification of the workgroup options are being posed to Legal Affairs division of the Chancellor’s Office, so that the workgroup will understand all the ramifications of these type changes.

The next meeting dates are:

December 9, 2013
February 10, 2014
April 7, 2014.