

Staff Senate

ADA Advisory Committee

Committee Charge:

The UofL ADA Advisory Committee (ADAAC) is intended to serve as a resource to UofL's ADA Coordinator (Coordinator) and the university community by providing a channel for stakeholders throughout the UofL community, whose work or study is impacted in a broad range of ways in a broad range of contexts by ADA compliance-related issues, to communicate and discuss areas of interest and concern with the Coordinator and other UofL experts and stakeholders. The ADAAC is intended to provide a forum for those individuals and their UofL constituents to share their perspectives and concerns on an ongoing basis, and to provide a forum for an ongoing campus-wide dialogue on concerns and possible solutions, specifically aimed at promoting ADA compliance and best practices throughout the university. Particular emphasis will be placed on difficult or evolving areas of the law where clear regulatory guidance may be recently introduced, developing, incomplete, or absent. The ADAAC shall have no independent policymaking authority, but will as appropriate and as requested serve as a source of information and suggested changes in UofL's policy and/or approach to university leadership as to ADA-related issues, and will provide a vehicle through which suggested changes to or comments on UofL's policies and/or practices may be introduced.

I met with Jessica Gernert, ADA Coordinator, regarding the ADA Advisory Committee on Tuesday, September 10th.

Discussion –

- Introduction

Jessica introduced herself as the new ADA Coordinator. We discussed the role of the Staff Senate representative on the committee historically as well as going forward. Jessica also provided updates on current projects related to this committee.

- Curb cuts and pathway lighting

There are ongoing discussions with UL Planning Design & Construction related to the need for additional curb cuts and pathway lighting.

- Scooters on campus

Gary Becker has been working on establishing geofencing for scooters with the goal of maintaining adequate distance from entrances to buildings. Parking is also working with scooter companies to reduce the speed at which scooters can travel when on campus.

- Campus walkaround

There are discussions, but no set plans yet, to do a campus walkaround to identify areas of need regarding ADA and accessibility.

Other Discussion –

Jessica has a goal of re-establishing regular ADA Advisory Committee meetings.

Respectfully submitted on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 by

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