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Minutes – LACUNY Disability Services Roundtable – February 16, 2010

I. Meeting called to order 10:25 AM at Baruch Room 415.

Present: Karen Mason, Chair, MEC; Scott Sheidlower, Secretary, YC; Susan Voge, LC.

II. Mission statement

Mission statement accepted unanimously as revised. It must now be presented to the LACUNY Committee on Committees. Karen will arrange that. Accepted text of mission statement is as follows:

Disability Services Roundtable Mission

There are growing numbers of individuals with disabilities on CUNY campuses. While some disabilities are visible, many more are invisible. Cognitive or emotional disabilities are often initially invisible, while users of assistive devices or equipment have more apparent disabilities.

Most campuses have offices called the Office of Disability Services that provide reasonable accommodations and resources to students who request assistance so that all students have access and opportunity for the successful pursuit of higher education. Under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Code 504 and 508, disabled students should have equal access to academic programs and activities offered to the CUNY community.

The Mission of the Disability Services Roundtable is to serve as an advocacy group to all members of the CUNY community with disabilities in creating equal and reasonable access to information and technology in CUNY libraries by:

- Educating the CUNY community regarding disability issues and concerns related to libraries;
- Seeking input from experts and specialists as invited speakers or workshop leaders to help

libraries and/or their computer labs comply with relevant codes and regulations; and

- Serving as a liaison between the various CUNY disability programs and offices in order to keep abreast of changing information and assistive technology resources available to the disabled.

III. New Business

Karen motioned that we should put up links on our web page to lead to related pages such as disability resources. Susan seconded. Passed unanimously.

IV. Elections:

Elections postponed for position of secretary. Scott will become chair in April. Susan agreed to be either co-chair or secretary after we have offered both positions to the rest of LACUNY. Karen will also make a list of disabled service's librarians on each campus and will send an e-mail to all of them asking them to join a roundtable.

V. Program.

Hope to do a program in April (CUNY Disability Awareness Month) on Hidden Disabilities. We hope to get a speaker from Hunter Education and one from the LD Project. Once we have the speakers and the dates, Scott will try to get a location at John Jay, Hunter or City. Karen will invite Jennifer Lann from Landmark College and see if she can come down for the date.

VI. Meeting adjourned 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Sheidlower, secretary
York College