



CCDI PROVINCIAL MEETING

May 10, 2016

Whitby Campus, Room 11-11,

1. Approval of Agenda

- Approved by Kate Staig-Webber and seconded by Toni Connolly.

2. Approval of Minutes dated February 3, 2016

- Approved by Theresa Siu and seconded by Kim Morin.

3. Updates/Reports

a) **Treasurer's Report – Jim Chalmers**

- We are in good standing.

b) **Heads of Student Services (HOSA) Report –Carla Grey for Matt Trainor - Director of Student Services Sault College**

- HOSA report was forwarded to the membership for review.
- IDIA letter; funding for students with disabilities; and inclusive design will be discussed today.

c) **Providing Co-op Interview Support for Students with ASD - Toby Merritt, Nicholas Triantafillou, and Darla Benton Kearney, Accessibility Counsellors, Mohawk College – See Attached**

d) **ASD Transition Programming – Next Steps – Toni Connolly, Manager, Centre for Accessible Learning, Algonquin College**

- Algonquin College (AC) has been working on developing tools/best practices to share. The first cohort of students were diverse and very quiet doing their own thing; the second group were very social. AC has developed videos which will be available on you-tube and faculty are able to access when needed.
- Next Steps - AC provided this pilot working with 67 first year students and could not have done this without the pilot and without additional staff. It was reiterated that every institution needs additional funding to hire someone to work with these students. So many students on the spectrum that want to come to college and we need to have the resources for this. York and AC worked on the two pilot projects to set up best practices. A report will go to the Ministry meant to recommend a model that will be the best to use for students with ASD and what is required. It is suggested that colleges and parents need to vocalize.

e) **Apprenticeship Update – Paula Anderton, Apprenticeship Coordinator, Centennial College - See Attached**

f) **Inclusive Design Position Statement – Theresa Siu for Nora Simpson, Associate Director, Accessible Learning Services, Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning**

- Members reviewed the position statement and members agreed to move forward to HOSA.

g) **Mild Intellectual Disability (MID) – Carol Ferguson, Accessibility Coach, Durham College and Carla Grey, Disability Counsellor, Centennial College**

- There was discussion around the student's eligibility for \$2000.00 portion of the BSWD. We can use this funding if we feel there is sufficient documentation to support student's needs. If there is a diagnosis of specific learning disorder, they have

access to the bursary. Some students are diagnosed with an LD but coming back with MID.

- OSAP and MTCU's definition of eligibility of temporary disability vs permanent disability differs and there are issues around the disclosure of diagnosis. It was noted it is confusing for us and other departments.
- There is concern around disclosure of a diagnosis vs disclosure of a functional impairment only and how that would impact our work, especially when it comes to OSAP and students we serve.

i) Inter-University Disability Issues Association (IDIA) - CCDI - Course Load Joint Letter - Carla Grey, Disability Counsellor, Centennial College

- IDIA letter was reviewed by members and agreed to move forward to HOSA.

j) Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) Letter to CCDI March 15, 2016 – All

- The OHRC letter was discussed. It was suggested we need to define boundaries around retroactive accommodations and give examples as well as to what is not appropriate. We have to uphold academic standards.
- It was noted there was a lack of congruity between OHRC directive and Ministry funding. The directive has major implications for faculty and staff training.

k) New Executive Members – Eastern Region Representative; Central Regional Representative, AT/LS Representation and Vice Chair - Carla Grey, Chair, CCDI

- Central Regional Rep - Nora Simpson
- LS Rep - Sherri Parkins
- AT Rep - Alex Cochrane
- Eastern Regional Rep - Carol Ferguson
- Vice Chair – Theresa Siu
- PD rep is now open