



The University of Texas at Austin Disability and Access

2022-2023 Faculty Advisory Committee

Name of Committee: Disability and Access Faculty Advisory Committee

Purpose: The Disability and Access (D&A) Faculty Advisory Committee provides a way for D&A to receive direct input from UT instructors in order to: 1) understand questions and concerns from instructors about providing accommodations and 2) engage instructors in improving the accommodation process at UT, 3) provide professional development and best practices for creating accessible learning environments, understanding disability as part of our campus diversity, and accommodating students with disabilities.

Description of Advisory Committee: The committee will be facilitated by D&A Staff. The staff facilitators and the committee members will set the agenda, with input from other D&A staff members. Examples of potential agenda items could include discussion about how instructors and students engage in the process of implementing accommodations, challenges/opportunities in providing approved accommodations to students, coordinating testing accommodations, communication between D&A and instructors, D&A programs and services, and/or publicity and stigma reduction. Meetings will occur on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:00 am for 1 hour during the 2022-2023 academic year. Meetings will be conducted either via Zoom or a combination of in person and Zoom options.

Committee Composition: Committee members will consist of instructors who represent a wide range of colleges and schools and types of appointments in order to provide a diverse range of experiences and perspectives. Representatives from Faculty Council and the Center for Teaching and Learning will hold appointed positions on the committee.

Membership Responsibilities: The duration of the advisory committee term is one academic year. Members will serve from the beginning of the fall semester through the end of the following spring semester. Expectations for members include 1) commitment to making a positive contribution to the awareness and experience of UT students with disabilities, 2) willingness to provide input and receive feedback in a constructive and collaborative manner and 3) availability to attend monthly committee meetings.

Getting Involved: Instructors who are interested in applying to be part of the 2022-2023 D&A Faculty Advisory Committee should submit a brief statement of interest. The statement of interest should include years of experience teaching at a university level and at UT, any experience accommodating students with disabilities or personal connections with the disability community and/or any experiences with engaging diversity within UT campus. Statements of interest, as well as questions related to the committee, can be sent to Disabilities Services Coordinator Carlie West (carlie.west@austin.utexas.edu) by September 1st, 2022.