

IBHE Board Meeting
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Disability Advisory Committee Annual Report

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Disability Advisory Committee

- Thank you to the IBHE Board for this opportunity
- Thank you to IBHE Diversity & Outreach staff
 - DAC meeting discussions/subcommittees
 - Overall Increased need of support for students with disabilities and staff
 - Alignment with A Thriving Illinois

AY 2023-2024 Activities

- All-member committee meetings & robust discussion
- Formed 3 focused subcommittees to align with A Thriving Illinois
 - Equity
 - Accessibility
 - Supports

Accessibility Subcommittee

Creating accessible experiences to provide a more seamless transition to college for all disabled learners.

- **Essential Program Requirements & Standards**
- **Digital Accessibility**

Equity Subcommittee

Removing common barriers faced by disabled students.

- Free or reduced evaluations for Adult Learners, especially those in professional programs
- Expand targeted DEI programs so students are accepted AND welcome
- Mandatory Faculty Training Module

Disability Services Offices Subcommittee

Supporting the work at each institution.

- Data management
 - Report outcomes consistently
 - Propose a uniform disability terminology
- Outlining roles and critical functions of disability offices
 - Resources to meet the demand

Opportunities for further Alignment

A public facing online repository for updates from the DAC committee, shared templates and documents which can be accessed by Disability Services Providers/Practitioners at other colleges and universities in the State of Illinois.

Official correspondence materials for the purposes of issuing announcements on updated best practices, resolutions, and statements of support on behalf of the IBHE Disability Advisory Committee.

Questions?