

January 25, 2007 DPG gathering/ meeting

- The DPG committee has been working hard on establishing the groundwork for DPG, particularly the bylaws, use of the website, etc. The bylaws can be amended in the future as needed.
- It was suggested that we utilize DPG members who chair/ serve on various committees as a resource, and we discussed ways to identify who serves on what, such as adding an asterisk to or highlighting deaf and hard of hearing committee members. We could also post committee vacancies that need to be filled to the DPG website. This will help us identify and fill gaps where there is no DPG representative.
- The DPG Steering Committee dissolves June 30, 2007, and the new Executive Board will be effective, July 1, 2007.
- There was discussion on the importance of getting managerial support to attend and participate in DPG activities, whether or not it is included in an employee's POW.
- Members were strongly encouraged to provide feedback in a proactive and timely manner, instead of waiting 'until after the fact'...
- The by-laws will be tweaked one final time, and posted to the DPG website. We will continue to revise the AOE award guidelines for inclusion in the bylaws.
- Immediate Goals for Winter Quarter:
 - o Executive Board Elections
 - o Use of Vlogs to provide feedback
 - o To create an ad-hoc committee to address classroom communication concerns. Marsha Wetzel is taking the lead on this. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Marsha Wetzel.
 - o To finalize the by-laws, including the AOE award guidelines.
 - o The Vision Support Steering Committee needs to be added to DPG website.... Bryan Lloyd is chair of this committee.... I'm a member as well as several others... Bryan can give u all the names. It's an NTID Standing Committee supervised by Ellie. The Adhoc committees should be added to DPG website also perhaps? And don't forget the Nominations/Voting info and forms to the website also smile.
 - o Set up a survey to all DPG members asking about the level of support they get from their dept supervisors regarding DPG (perhaps on the website? Or the forum?)
- Goals for 2007-2008 after the Executive Board is in place:
 - o To get DPG recognized as an institution-wide committee (need to find out the procedure for doing this)
 - o To create a new 'Deaf' award, aside from the AOE award which will remain the same (there was general support for this)
 - o Polling NTID faculty, staff and administration to find the level of support for involvement with DPG
- Announcements
 - o Council on American Instructors for the Deaf Conference in Reno, NV, in June. If you are interested in submitting a workshop proposal, please contact Keith Mousley.
 - o The website can be utilized to post community events and flyers.