

Deaf Professional Group
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2005

40-45 DPG members attended the DPG meeting. Great!

Remarks of Dr. Alan Hurwitz

Dr. Hurwitz talked about the history of DPG, and some of its accomplishments, including the important role it played in developing recommendations of communication guidelines. He also discussed the challenges that NTID faced in finding qualified deaf faculty and staff with the necessary technical background/ expertise to teach.

Welcomes and introductions of new Deaf and Hard of Hearing faculty and staff at NTID who have been hired since January 2005

Ritchie Bryant	(Instructional Faculty)
Alim Changani	(Coord. Student Development Programs)
Mary Essex	(Outreach Program Coordinator)
Dr. Denise Kavin	(Senior Project Associate at PEN International)
Aimee Whyte Solomon	(Staff Consultant at Counseling Center)
Sharon Staehle	(Instructional Faculty)
Minoru Yosida	(Software/Hardware Specialist)
Debbie Poe	(Visiting P/T Instructional Faculty)
Bruce Letzelter	(Outreach Program Assistant)

Congratulations to the faculty members

The DPG would like to extend the congratulations to the faculty members on their promotion in rank.

Pamela Conley	(Associate Professor)
J Matt Searls	(Associate Professor)
Joseph Stanislow	(Assistant Professor)
Kurt Stoskopf	(Assistant Professor)

Congratulations to the staff members

The DPG would like to extend the congratulations to the faculty members on their promotion.

Kathleen Dollinger-Meyer	(Employment Advisor III)
John Macko	(Associate Director)
Loriann Macko	(Associate Director of Admissions)
Mark Sommer	(Interim Associate Director for Admissions/Outreach)

Congratulations to faculty members who received tenure

The DPG offers warmest congratulations to the faculty members that were granted tenure.

Cynthia Campbell
Allen Ford

A bunch of thanks

We cannot miss to thank the members of DPG in the committee working group that has been working for you. Some worked more than 3 years.

Karen Christie
Patricia Durr
Paula Grcevic
Kenneth Finton
Sharron Webster

What activities would you want to happen in the year 2005-2006?

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Future of DPG

- There was much discussion about the future of DPG as follows:
 - Concern about the lack of leadership/ volunteers to lead DPG
 - The misperception that DPG is a professional organization and not for ‘clerical’ staff who are deaf.
 - The role of DPG- what is it? Should it be a social, support, or political group?
 - Need to set up an informal board with officers and delegate responsibility; or have a full-time staff person to manage DPG affairs.
 - Lack of support from the core administration/ leadership group at NTID
 - Need for ‘new blood’
 - Lack of recognition from academic department chairs to allow employees to attend DPG meetings or include DPG participation in their Plan of Work.
 - Should DPG be a ‘formal’ or ‘informal’ group? There is much misunderstanding about the definition of ‘formal’ or ‘informal’, which will need to be clarified.
 - Should DPG be : 1) Formal group, 2) Support Group, 3) Informational Group, 4) NFC (NTID Faculty Council); SC (Staff Council)/Deaf Caucus/ NSC NTID Student Council) or 5) none of the above. There is a lot of confusion about #4, which will need to be clarified.
 - How can DPG become a ‘formal’ group? What is the procedure? What would the reporting structure be? ‘Formal’ groups do not have budgets, but can get monetary support for special requests.
 - Dino Laury, as chair of the NTID Faculty Council, extended an invitation to have a DPG representative at future NFC meetings. Keith Mousley volunteered to attend the NFC meetings; however, because of uncertainty about the future of

DPG, it was agreed that Keith would attend the next NTID Faculty Council meeting not on behalf of DPG, but as an interested individual.

Action plan:

- A committee has been set up to draft a survey, i.e., which group DPG members will vote on. This will determine the future structure and status of DPG. Committee members are as follows:

- Regina Kiperman Kiselgof
- Mitch Berger (IT support)
- JT Reid
- Keith Moose
- Loriann Macko
- Kurt Stoskopf
- Denise Kavon
- Aimee Whyte Solomon
- Chris Cuculick
- Bruce Letzelter

Next DPG meeting will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Kiperman Kiselgof

(Thank you to Dr. Denise Kavon for taking notes)