Committee on the Quality of the Student Experience Accessibility Subcommittee

Commitment
The University of Ottawa is committed to maintaining the dignity and independence of all members of its support and teaching staff, its students and all visitors to the campus. The University seeks to ensure that persons living with a disability enjoy free and unhindered access to the University’s programs, services, facilities, equipment, housing and employment opportunities. As a result, the Committee on the Quality of the Student Experience (Student Services) and the Committee on the Quality of the Student Experience (Academic Aspects) have set up a joint subcommittee responsible for monitoring matters involving student accessibility.

Mandate
The subcommittee is responsible for planning and implementing initiatives that will allow the University to fulfill its commitment to enhance the university experience for students with disabilities and allow them full participation in university life through the elimination of existing obstacles and the prevention of future barriers.

Responsibilities
1. Approve the annual action plan and ensure its implementation so students with disabilities have full access.
2. Assist with developing accessibility policies and procedures and monitor compliance within the different units.
3. Assist with promoting strategies for training and for raising awareness of accessibility issues among members of the university community.
4. Provide advice on aspects of the University’s accessibility plan as it relates to students, identify gaps in the plan and recommend solutions to eliminate them.
5. Assist with developing a mechanism for receiving and processing student complaints related to access to facilities and services and provide assistance with following up on these complaints.
6. Provide advice to the University administration on any pertinent issues, as they arise.

Leadership
The subcommittee is co-chaired by the Associate Vice-President, Academic, and the Associate Vice-President, Student Services.

Meetings
The subcommittee meets a minimum of three (3) times per year, upon request by the co-chairs.

Accountability
The subcommittee reports on its activities from time to time to the Committee on the Quality of the Student Experience (Student Services) and the Committee on the Quality of the Student Experience (Academic Aspects).
**Quorum**
Quorum is set at a majority of the committee members.

**2013 committee members**

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