# ADA Advisory Committee

**Q1: January 1 - March 31, 2023**

## ADA Related Matters

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### COMPLETED

1. **The UTEP Police Department** needed assistance to add closed captioning to one of their presentation videos. Cyndi Castro provided assistance.

2. Invite **Prospector** reporter to open meetings more consistently to assist with sharing information to UTEP community. This has been added to the open meeting standard operating procedure (SOP).

3. **Old Main**: It was reported that the ADA access button on the east & west entrances of the building are reported to be too high for wheelchair users. Upon review, it was determined the access buttons comply with the ADA guidelines.

4. **Recreation Center**: According to the report the only ADA designated restroom and shower were without hot water for many months. The Rec Center Maintenance has repaired the hot water heater. A wedge placed in the door at the ADA restroom is to be used only during cleaning times. Rec Ctr. staff was provided ADA sensitivity training (CASS & EO) on 04/05/23.

5. **CLA Elevator**: Elevators reported to not be functioning, they have been repaired.

6. **Parking**: The concern raised was that parking fees & locations were not conducive to wages and needs of ADA persons. A review of costs is needed. The UTEP community was informed this item was previously discussed with Mr. Mark McGurk, VPBA. Parking prices are identified by parking locations.

7. **747-PETE**: The raised concern was that it is not clear that this resource goes beyond maintenance needs to include reporting concerns about ADA accessibility on campus. Facilities Services suggested they would send a campus bulletin to bring awareness and direct persons to their website to submit a work order.

### IN PROGRESS

1. **A-frame Signage**: Policy has been submitted and approved by Dr. Gary Edens, VP for Student Affairs. It is currently in the process of being implemented and sorted as to who will be enforcing.

2. **Campbell Building**: Facilities Services did a walk-through. Automatic door openers are being installed on 04/04/2023.

3. **UTEP Online Map**: Work in progress to identify ADA accessibility routes.

4. **Library Restrooms**: ADA buttons for the restrooms are being considered. Facilities Services did a HVAC pressurization test on all restroom doors to ensure they have a 5 lb. weight in swing motion. (This test is done annually.)

5. **Library Sidewalk**: Trees have been removed and the sidewalk drawings are completed. It will be approximately a 2-month process for the contract bidding to take place and establish a contractor to do the demolition and rebuilding of the walkway. Facilities Services believes this may possibly be completed by the beginning of summer 2023.

6. **Library Lobby**: There is a reported concern with the tables in front of the coffee kiosk are being moved and causing obstructions to the visually impaired persons. Is it possible to have them permanently fixed in place so that they are not continuously moved causing the visually impaired to bump into them? Facilities Services is currently assessing this.

7. **ADA Advisory Committee awareness**: A plan is being developed to create campus awareness of the ADA Advisory Committee. A logo will be developed, flyers drafted, social media presence, QR code placements, utilization of campus mine-tracker, and CASS awareness events.
8. **College of Nursing:** It was reported that there are challenges for individuals in wheelchairs to open and close the restroom doors in the College of Health Sciences. CON is requesting a door opener. Conducted a walk through and confirmed ADA compliant however, it is being further reviewed to better understand the reported concern.

9. **CCSB:** There was a request for more signage/cues for the individuals visually impaired on campus. The room numbers in CCSB have braille, but the directory maps in the lobby do not. This is being further discussed with the ADA Advisory Committee.

10. **Transportation:** It was reported that the transportation shuttles are not always available from the student parking lots and this can create difficult situations for students & staff with ADA needs. This is being further discussed within the ADA Advisory Committee.

11. **Quinn Hall:** Reported concern of ADA accessibility within this building. A walk-through is being scheduled to review for ADA accessibility concerns/routes.

12. **Graham Hall:** Concern related to the ADA parking for this building. The slope makes car doors shut as a person tries to exit their vehicle and maintain stability. Motorized wheelchairs can face dangerous conditions in certain areas of the campus due to slopes. A walk-through will be scheduled.

13. **Kelly Hall:** According to the report, ADA accessibility from Sun Bowl 2 parking lot poses concerns for person in wheelchair or limited mobility. The Sun Bowl street is busy. The UTEP campus was reminded that individuals may use the bridge to cross Sun Bowl street. This entrance has ADA parking spaces and an elevator. However, further discussion will take place with Facilities Services for other possible considerations.

14. **Don Haskins Parking:** It was reported that there are not enough ADA parking spots for the Don Haskins Center (events). It has been indicated that a person needs to arrive two hours prior to the event to get one of the parking slots. A meeting will be scheduled between Parking, Special Events, and Athletics to discuss the needs and propose ideas for accommodations.

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**REFERRALS**

1. **Metallurgy Building:** Reported concern of 1st floor not being ADA accessible. This matter was referred to Mr. Mark McGurk, VPBA, and placed in the ADA Transition List.

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**PROACTIVE ACTIONS**

1. **Open Meetings** are held each quarter to gain input from the UTEP Campus community.
   - 2/8/23
   - 4/12/23
   - 9/13/23
   - Future dates TBD

2. **Campus Walk-throughs** are done monthly to identify necessary repairs/adjustments that are ADA related.