

Minutes of Ubuntu Meeting on 3/24/14

Present: Radhika Sehgal, Robert Heckendorn, Tasha Dev, Samantha Hansen, Raegen Iler, Leathia Botello, Lysa Salisbury, Ashley Ding, and Julia Keleher.

1. Gloria Jensen is officially on Ubuntu's roster.
2. We will look at working on the DREAM Act next academic year.
3. Leathia updated us on information from Admissions Committee. Students who miss the Priority Date have to jump through extra hoops for admission to the U of Idaho. However, this appears to be impacting more multicultural students. Leathia agreed to talk to Jamie and Melissa (from Admissions) to find out how U of Idaho supports students and parents who have missed the deadline.
4. Julia reviewed the University's policies on benefits for same-sex couples; however, there appears to be confusion about what all benefits are covered. She will call the Benefits office and get some clarity.
5. Lysa has been trying to find the letter Heather Gasser had drafted for benefits for same-sex couples. She has found an earlier draft but will keep looking for the latest draft.
6. Lysa will update the website with the current committee members and also provide a link to the Ubuntu committee members list on the webpage.
7. Gloria brought up the issue of Assistive Technology and how many of the University's curricular offerings are not accessible to students with disabilities. Samantha mentioned that she and Max Cowan of ASUI have been talking to some students about accessibility issues. Gloria will invite Tom English (IT service manager) and Samantha will invite Max Cowan to our next Ubuntu meeting.
8. The committee would like CAMP and Assistive Technology/Information Technology to be on Ubuntu. Radhika Sehgal will pursue this further on how to add people to the committee.
9. Radhika Sehgal will email the Native American Student Center Director to invite them to be on the Committee.
10. Radhika Sehgal will also follow up on the faculty, staff, and student members who are not present at the meetings to determine if they are still on the committee.