

## **The University of Windsor Accessible Built Environment Committee**

### **Terms of Reference**

The University of Windsor strives to create and foster an academic environment that is accessible and which respects the rights and dignity of the individual. All members of the University community are obligated to interact on the basis of mutual respect, and to promote an environment which illustrates our commitment to undertake reasonable efforts in providing equity in opportunity.

#### **1. Purpose**

The Accessible Built Environment Committee (ABEC) reviews the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) and Standards and ensures the University's compliance with the portions of the legislation that relate to the built environment. The University strives to meet and where possible surpass the requirements of the legislation in order to identify and remove barriers for persons with disabilities and attain the goal of a fully-inclusive community.

In working towards these goals the Committee will:

- a) Identify and explore the specific issues surrounding barriers experienced by people with a range of disabilities in the areas of the built environment and facilities on the University of Windsor Campus;
- b) Propose remedial action;
- c) Provide the Campus Accessibility Coordinating Committee (CACC) with recommendations and priorities of proposed remedial action;
- d) Follow through on recommendations as applicable;
- e) Identify and promote proactive means of ensuring the University's built environment and facilities systems and standards are accessible;

- f) Review Site Plans for new builds and retro-fits/upgrades and provide feedback to the Facility Services Department or any other appropriate unit/department.

## **2. Membership**

The Committee will normally include an appointee from the following:

- a) Chairperson - as confirmed by the Office of Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility
- b) Vice-Chairperson – Accessibility and Human Rights Manager
- c) Representative from Facility Services
- d) Academic and Architectural Advisor
- e) Representative from UWSA
- f) Student Representative(s), including students with disabilities
- g) Other persons as approved by the CACC

## **3. Reporting**

The Committee will report to the CACC and the Chair shall sit on the CACC. The Vice-Chair will work with the Chair to provide a verbal update of the Committee's work at each CACC meeting and provide written reports on an as-needed basis.

The Vice-Chair will complete an annual report, with the assistance of the Chair. The report will document the achievements of the previous year and the goals for the future years. The information contained in the annual report will be incorporated into the University's Annual Accessibility Report and Plan.

## **4. Meetings**

The Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis and at the call of the Chair. The Committee must meet two (2) weeks or more in advance of each CACC quarterly meeting.

## **5. Quorum**

A quorum consists of a third (33%) of the membership.

## **6. Minutes**

The Office of Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility shall be responsible for ensuring a Secretary is present at each meeting to take minutes.

## **7. Agenda**

Except in unusual circumstances, agenda items and supporting documentation should be forwarded to the Accessibility and Human Rights Manager. The Manager has the responsibility for preparing the agenda and circulating it with all supporting documentation no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the quarterly meetings.

## **8. Decision Making of the Committee**

Decisions and recommendations will be based on the consensus of the Committee. Meetings and decision-making will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

## **9. Changes to the Membership and Terms of Reference:**

- a) Changes to the membership must be approved by the CACC.
- b) Changes to the mandate must be approved by the PASC.

## **10. Mandate Review**

The mandate of the Committee shall be reviewed on an annual basis.



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## The University of Windsor Accessibility Reporting Structure

Plan  
and  
Approve

President's Accessibility  
Steering Committee

Coordinate  
and  
Prioritize

Campus Accessibility  
Coordinating Committee

Consult  
and  
Advise

Accessible  
Built  
Environment  
Committee

Accessible  
Information and  
Communications  
Committee

Accessible  
Education, Training  
and Awareness  
Committee

Accessible  
Employment  
Committee

Accessible  
Customer Service  
Committee