JR-71.03
Resolution Condemning the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities (COSID) Coups

WHEREAS The ASOSU constitution and shared governance agreement enables the student body to assert its interests, through democratic representation, as members of the academic community.

WHEREAS Oregon State University as a recipient of federal financial assistance is required to comply with Section 504 of the National Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

WHEREAS Oregon State University is a federal Land Grant university and is required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

WHEREAS Oregon State University is a part of the Oregon University System which, as an administrative subdivision of the State, is required to comply Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

WHEREAS Oregon State University is required to comply with Oregon Administrative Rules OAR659A.142A(5)(a).

WHEREAS It is in the interest of the students of Oregon State University that the University comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act to facilitate the integration of students with disabilities as full participants in our Republic.

WHEREAS It is in the interests of all Oregonians for individuals with disabilities to gain the academic training necessary to become productive members of our economy.

WHEREAS It is in the interest of the students of Oregon State University to avoid civil rights litigation against Oregon State University for failure to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the cost of which would adversely impact the financial interests of the student body.

WHEREAS HR-01.03 Resolution to Request Oregon State University's Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (Crews Act of January 2010) requested that "Facilities Services of Oregon State University conduct a self-evaluation of campus facilities according to current Americans with Disabilities Act standards."
WHEREAS HR-01.03 Resolution to Request Oregon State University's Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (Crews Act of January 2010) requested that "the findings of the self-evaluation" will be used by Facilities Services to complete "a thorough transition plan for Oregon State University to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act standards by June 30, 2011 that will include: cost, projections, priorities, and funding strategies."

WHEREAS HR-01.03 Resolution to Request Oregon State University's Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (Crews Act of January 2010) requested that "a taskforce comprised of students, faculty, and staff be formed to oversee both the evaluation, transition plan creation, and transition plan completion."

WHEREAS HR-01.07 Resolution to Call on the OSU Foundation to Develop and Begin Implementation of a Funding Campaign to Pay for Access to Improvements Required by Federal ADA Regulations (Crews Act of March 2010" requested that "the OSU Foundation begin to develop and implement a fundraising campaign to pay for access improvements on Oregon State University's campus, that are required by Americans with Disabilities Act regulations, by June 30, 2011."

WHEREAS In response to the Crews Acts of 2010 the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce (AUITF) was created as a subcommittee of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities (COSID) to guide and monitor the compliance efforts of the University.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, the Able Student Alliance was invited to join the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, it was stated that the primary task of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce is to "reassess Oregon State University's American with Disabilities Act Transition Plan with respect to access programs, services, and activities."

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, it was stated that the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce "will identify and make recommendations to improve facilities, services, and infrastructure."

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, it was stated that "once the initial assessment of the transition plan is complete, the committee will re-evaluate and update the prioritization plans and submit those to Facilities Services."

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, it was stated that the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce "the composition of the Transition Plan Reassessment Subcommittee [now called the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce] will be as follows:
• Two members of the OSU faculty or staff, with disabilities or with all with expertise in Americans with Disabilities Act design and construction standards. Serve 2 years, renewable terms;
• One member of Access Benton County. Serve 1 year, renewable terms;
• Five student members: 3 from the Able Student Alliance, 1 from ASOSU, and 1 member-at-large. Serve 1 year, renewable terms;
• Ex-officio members from Disabilities Access Services, Facilities Services, and Affirmative Action.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, the voting membership of the committee is guaranteed to have at least six members with disabilities or be well-versed in the ADA out of a total of seven voting members. This assured that 85.7% of the voting members of the Task Force would have disabilities or be well-versed in the requirements of the ADA.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, stated that "on behalf of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, I request your input and expertise for this important task. I look forward to hearing favorably from you regarding your participation."

WHEREAS In the minutes from the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, approved on December 8, 2010, the membership of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce was changed. "The membership of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce shall be led by a Chair appointed by the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities for a two-year term, and consist of the following members:

1. At least one member of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities
2. Up to four Able Student Alliance Members
3. ASOSU Accessibility Affairs Director
4. Up to three additional OSU students
5. Access Benton County member
6. Two OSU Faculty/Staff members
7. Offices to be represented:
   a. Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunities
   b. Facilities Services
   c. Disability Access Services
   d. Memorial Union
   e. University Housing and Dining Services
   f. OSU Athletics

WHEREAS In the minutes of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce approved on December 8, 2010, the voting membership of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce was changed to guarantee at least five members of the committee have disabilities or be well-versed in the ADA out of a total of a minimum of 19 voting members. This reduced voting membership of the committee to guarantee at most only 26.3% of the voting members have disabilities or be well-versed in the ADA.
WHEREAS In the minutes from the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce approved on December 8, 2010, the changed membership of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce increases the percentage of votes held by administrators and individuals that are subject to their administrative control, who are largely responsible for the University’s failure to comply with the aforementioned state and federal statutes, from a maximum potential of 28.6% to a minimum potential of 42.1% and potentially a much higher amount that can be well above 50% depending upon if staff are appointed rather than faculty and how many members of COSID are placed as voting members on the committee.

WHEREAS This change represented an effort to silence members of the Able Student Alliance whose representatives identified ongoing acts of willful and intentional discrimination by the very same bureaucrats who controlled the AUITF after COSID’s action on 8 December 2010.

WHEREAS Accessible University Initiative Taskforce meetings are often held at times that students can be expected to be in class.

WHEREAS Accessible University Initiative Taskforce meetings are often held in buildings such as Kerr Administration, Weatherford Hall, and other locations that are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and therefore not accessible to persons with disabilities.

WHEREAS In an email dated November 30, 2010 from Dan Larson, Associate Director of University Housing and Dining Services, to Kathryn Magura titled "Agenda Items for the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities" items were identified for the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce including:

- "Redefining 'diversity' to include persons with disabilities"

WHEREAS In an email dated December 6, 2010 from C. Jeffery Evans, President of the Able Student Alliance sent to Kathryn Magura and CCed to Mark McCambridge, Tracy Bently-Townlin, Nataliya Kozlova, Lauren Loeffler, Jordan Meekins, Caili Nance, and Heather Holton, C. Jeffery Evans raised the following issues:

- "I thought we already discussed ASA participation in the programmatic access group --- I was in the process of finalizing the By-Laws language, as I was assigned at our meeting in September when, unbeknownst to me, COSID decided to do it itself --- something about which I learned at the last AUITF meeting.

- I am a bit concerned that COSID is taking a more activist role (thrilled that it is) without somebody discussing it with the ASA. I was rather surprised by this at the last AUITF meeting. Some of my executive committee members have expressed concern that it appears as though some departments are going around us because they can't get their way at the AUITF. I'm not as concerned with that; I'm pretty comfortable with the belief that you, Gabe, and Margaret won't let that
happen. I am more concerned with the fact that, while expanding student participation on COSID, we weren't approached to identify any of our members to serve. Since there seems to be a movement to run AUITF recommendations through COSID, the concern that I voiced last March seems to be prescient.

- When we were discussing our participation on the AUITF, we made as a condition of our participation, that the decisions be made by those who were most impacted by them --- students, faculty and staff with disabilities --- rather than the department heads who have spent so much time over the last twenty years protecting their feudal turf and ignoring the needs of persons with disabilities. This now seems to be what is occurring --- the bureaucrats who screwed up this campus will, through COSID, have veto power over the decisions/recommendations of AUITF where, some of those very departments have been unable to exercise the control they once did. Quite honestly, it increases the chances that these decisions will be taken out of the hands of OSU personnel and placed in the hands of a federal district court judge because, looking at how inaccessible this University is and how it got there, we are losing faith that University officials will accomplish what they should ... or what they have promised. I've always said that there would be efforts to placate disabled students until most of us graduated. Then administrators would return to the old ways of doing things. I'm sure you can see how we might believe that this is what is happening.

- I am being very honest with you and I hope you don't perceive of anything I have said to be a threat of any kind. You do need to understand how recent happenings are being viewed because, as the Chair of COSID, insuring that my concerns do not become prophetic, falls upon your shoulders. Please notice that this is not one of my 'shots across the bow'; I have only cc'd the members of my Executive Committee and Mark McCambridge (after all, he appoints all of you)."

WHEREAS

In an email dated January 3, 2011 from C. Jeffery Evans, the president of the Able Student Alliance, sent to Kathryn Magura, and CCed to Tracy Bentley-Townlin, Nataliya Kozlova, Lauren Loeffler, Jordan Meekins, Calili Nance, Heather Holton, Mark McCambridge, the 2010-2011 ASOSU Accessibility Affairs Taskforce Director, Gabriel Merrell, Zach Kline, Margaret Drew, Angelo Gomez, Bruce Marbin, Dan Larson, Jeff McCubbin, Judith Radovsky, Kerri Vanderbom, Margaret Mellinger, and Vincent Martorello, C. Jeffery Evans raised the following concerns:

- The ASA has yet to hear from COSID Re: the COSID By-Laws Revisions as it relates to the AUITF (formerly known as the Transition Plan Reassessment Subcommittee). As I explained in my email of 6 December, any changes that will dilute the impact of the student voice needs to be addressed to the ASA; we agreed to participate in response to an invitation indicating that the voting members would be the three ASA representatives, the at-large student, the ASOSU Accessibility Affairs Director, the ABC Representative and the two (each) representatives of staff and the faculty. The latter were to be persons with
disabilities or have experience with disability issues. It was understood that those
would be the only voting members; that the four administrative representatives
and the representative would be non-voting members. I am including a copy of
that document.

- The ASA agreed to forgo litigation and participate on the AUITF based on that
agreement. Therefore, any alteration of that responsibility structure needs to
be discussed with the ASA Executive Committee before prior to adoption.

WHEREAS In an email dated June 16, 2011, from C. Jeffery Evans to Jennifer Gossett and CCed to
Tyler Line, Nataliya Kozlova, Michelle Conklin, Nick Snowhill, Tracy Bently-Townlin,
Angelo Gomez, and Larry Roper, C. Jeffery Evans stated:

"You wanted a place to start the discussion about the AUITF charge …

Membership (Voting)

(3) ASA (Selected by the ASA Executive Committee)
(2) At large students with disabilities (Selected by COSID/AAEO)
(1) Access Benton County (Selected by COSID/AAEO)
(2) Two Faculty and Staff with disabilities (To be selected by COSID/Pres,
Faculty Senate)
(1) ASOSU Accessibility Affairs Task Force Director (Selected by ASOSU
Pres)
(1) Director, AAEO
(1) Director, DAS

Total – 11

Membership (Non-Voting)

(1) COSID (Preferably with a disability)
(1) UHDS Designee (Preferably with a disability)
(1) MU Designee (Preferably with a disability)
(1) Athletic Director’s Designee (Preferably with a disability)
(1) Provost’s Designee (Preferably with a disability)
(1) Legislative designee (Gelser/Morse) (Preferably with a disability)
(1) Facilities services Director

Total – 7

Other considerations

Chair must be someone with a disability
Support staff to be assigned
Detailed notes to be taken and draft minutes to be produced within 24 hours of
meeting
Chair to establish agenda to be circulated at least three days prior to the meeting
Votes to be taken with motions for every action item
Meeting to be held in an accessible facility
Meetings to be noticed:
- OSU Today
- DAS Listserv
- ASA listserv
- Barometer
- Gazette-Times, Democrat-Herald, Register Guard, Statesman Journal, and Oregonian

Staff person designated as contact for accommodations
Minutes, agendas, and other documents made accessible
Public meeting to be held each quarter
  - with appropriate facility and noticing as per above
  - Broadcast on local cable
  - Live streamed via internet
  - Call-in or text-capable

Meeting times and dates give priority to student-member schedules
Items on the agenda to accompany agenda with written reports of materials to be discussed
Agenda to and agenda materials to be accessible
Agenda to and agenda materials to be posted three days prior to meeting
  - OSU today
  - DAS website
  - ASA Website"

**WHEREAS**  
There is clear evidence of the dilution of membership of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce.

**WHEREAS**  
The current president of the ASOSU in an email sent on April 19, 2011 to the Able Student Alliance during the last election cycle stated:

  I was approached by a member of the ASA asking the question: If you were elected ASOSU President; what would you do in your new role for the ASA community? From my current position as ASOSU Executive Director of Diversity Programs, I overlook the well-being and success of the Accessibility Task Force Director. With our time together at ASOSU, a concern we've been discussing is the validity and credibility of voting in the committees that represent ASA. One in particular is the AUITF and recent shift in voting members from being acceptable by all parties to where it is now incomparably Administration heavy. *This issue needs to be resolved now. When it comes to adhering to the concerns of the community, there needs to be fair and equal representation in the group passing the policy for that community as AUITF does for ASA, your community.*  

  If elected president, the first act I will do in support of students within governing groups/committees that advocate, create and pass policy is for equal representation in the voting parties requested; that there is equal amounts of students and administration as valid voting members. In order for just policies, there must be fair and equal representation within the groups/committees that create these policies that affect everyday lives. We must all do our part to make this university a safer, cleaner and more accessible environment for everyone. It is "Our Voice, Our Student Government" and your success towards graduation is our priority.

  If elected president, this new order will not only apply to the AUITF but is extended to all other governing groups/committees that exemplify this inequality. Only
together in the betterment of our community and commitment to graduation can we create an environment that supports people of all backgrounds, physical abilities, life choices and preferences for success." [Emphasis added]

WHEREAS There has clearly been a usurpation of voting rights of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce from people with disabilities or those with expertise on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 January 2010, from C. Jeffery Evans to Dan Larson, AUITF convener, the Able Student Alliance withdrew from participation in the Accessible University Initiative task force.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 January 2010, from C. Jeffery Evans to Dan Larson, AUITF convener, the Able Student Alliance stated: “Please be advised that despite our withdrawal from the AUITF, we expect the University, its departments and vendors, to consult with the ASA as is required by the ADA. This includes but, is not limited to:

1) Any project governed by the ADA, ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), and the Corvallis Land Development Code;

2) Selection of consultants and/or vendors for any project, activity, service, or program subject to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the National Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Architectural Barriers Act;

3) Selection of staff whose activities will affect or be affected by items 1 and 2 above.

As such, we expect that our representative will be available for the selection processes for Campus wide ADA Assessment and Transition Plan development process and ADA Project Manager position in the Facilities Services Office.”

WHEREAS In an email to the AUITF, dated 3 October 2011, C. Jeffery Evans requested that Lori Fulton of the Office of Facilities Services schedule an appointment with the Able Student Alliance to consult on the OSU Track and Field Complex.

WHEREAS The Able Student Alliance received no response.

WHEREAS In an email to the AUITF dated 28 September 2011, C. Jeffery Evans requested that Lori Fulton of the Office of Facilities Services schedule an appointment with the Able Student Alliance to consult on the planned Student Experience Center.

WHEREAS The Able Student Alliance received no response.

WHEREAS In an email to the AUITF dated 28 September 2011, C. Jeffery Evans requested that Lori Fulton of the Office of Facilities Services schedule an appointment with the Able Student Alliance to consult on the planned Student Success Center.

WHEREAS The Able Student Alliance received no response.
WHEREAS In an email to the AUITF dated 28 September 2011, C. Jeffery Evans requested that Lori Fulton of the Office of Facilities Services schedule an appointment with the Able Student Alliance to consult on the planned OSU Beaver Store relocation.

WHEREAS The Able Student Alliance received no response.

WHEREAS The University hired SZS Consulting to perform an assessment of the external areas of the campus.

WHEREAS In an email dated 16 June 2011 to C. Jeffery Evans from Syroun Sanossian, the senior consultant for SZS Consultants invited Able Student Alliance President, C. Jeffery Evans, to accompany her during her first walkthrough on campus, to get his perspectives on the barriers she might identify.

WHEREAS It is common practice for a consultant to determine the best method for involving stakeholders during the course of conducting their study.

WHEREAS In an email dated 17 June 2011 to C. Jeffery Evans from Syroun Sanossian, she wrote: “I will not be able to meet with you on Monday during our field investigation process, although your concerns are important to this process. If you want to schedule further meeting time with me or my staff, please contact Mike Blair who is the project manager and our contact on campus. He can forward your request to our firm.”

WHEREAS In an email dated 20 September 2011 from Angelo Gomez, Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion, to C. Jeffery Evans, wrote: “I'll try to respond to the question you posed to Mike about his authority. He told SZS that they should not work directly with you as part of their work on the consulting contract without arranging that through him. That is the same approach we would take with anyone else as well. It is all about managing the University's contract with SZS appropriately. The University has not only the right to do that, but the responsibility. The right of interested persons and persons with disabilities to provide input into this process does not include the right to inject yourself into the contractual arrangement to influence the outcome or how the contract is performed without working through the University.”

WHEREAS On 23 June 2011, the AUITF held a public meeting to introduce SZS Consulting, at a time and date students would not be able to attend.

WHEREAS The meeting was noticed only within COSID and the AUITF and Able Student Alliance was not invited to attend.

WHEREAS On 22 December 2011, the AUITF held a public meeting to present SZS Consulting's preliminary findings, at a time and date students would not be able to attend.

Whereas The meeting was noticed only within COSID and the AUITF and Able Student Alliance was not invited to attend.
WHEREAS In an email dated 9 March 2011 from C. Jeffery Evans to Vincent Martarello, Director, Office of Facilities Services, and in reference to construction of an alternative ramp into Milam Hall, Evans writes:

“I understand that Facilities Services has submitted a request for approval of the Corvallis Historic Resources Commission to build the Milam Ramp on the Campus Way side of Milam Hall.

I thought that the ASA had made clear that we expected your office to comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and consult with us prior to making any further applications to the City of Corvallis. Since we have not been presented with a compelling reason justifying construction of this ramp in that location --- our opinion is that the vast majority of persons with disabilities will approach Milam Hall from the Quad (south) side of the building --- it would seem to me that such a request made to the City is premature if not ill-advised.

It appears that your people camped out in their offices again and decided how they wanted persons with disabilities to travel rather than accommodate how we do travel. This is especially a concern because there is little or no parking serving an entrance in that location --- the parking on Memorial Place is already impacted and any new available parking will not meet the ADA requirement that parking be close by the designated accessible entrance.

We have grown tired of your department’s blatant violations of the ADA and its ongoing disrespect for our organization and its members. We must demand that you advise delay the City’s hearing on this matter until you have consulted with the ASA Executive Committee. Failure to do so not only places this University at risk of litigation for civil rights violations but, also, subjects the City of Corvallis to the same risk as well.”

WHEREAS In an email responding to Mr. Evans’, dated 9 March 2011, Vincent Martarello writes:

“Thanks for your email. Facilities worked with AUITF during the review of the ramp, and members of AUITF decided on the option for construction. If you have any concerns about the review of the proposed ramp I would encourage you to work with Dan Larson about being placed on the agenda for an upcoming AUITF meeting. ”

WHEREAS In an email responding to Mr. Martarello dated 9 March 2011, Mr. Evans writes:

“Yes, I was at that meeting. Two of our members, myself included, expressed the opinion that this location was inappropriate because it was not along a path-of-travel preferred by persons with disabilities. Is there is a compelling reason for placing it in that location? If so, I do not recall that information having been given to the pre-coup-d’etat AUITF; it was most certainly not provided to the ASA.

Please understand that the existence of the AUITF does not obviate you of your responsibility to consult with the ASA. We are not required to consult within the parameters of your choosing (i.e. the AUITF), especially given the AUITF’s current
illegitimate charge and the Chair’s proclivities for scheduling meetings at times and dates that would necessitate our membership missing important course lectures and/or labs.

I am willing to schedule an appointment with our Executive Committee.”

WHEREAS In an email responding to Mr. Evans, dated 9 March 2011, Mr. Martarello writes:

“At this point I am not sure how to respond. I would ask that you request this as an agenda item and bring other representatives from ASA with you to review the issues you have with the proposal. **Facilities Services’ is following the direction from AUITF.** If you would like AUITF to revisit the question of location, then that needs to be presented to AUITF. Or if you feel there are other issues that have not been effectively reviewed then coming to AUITF would be beneficial to everyone. **I am not willing to be in a position in which I am getting direction from one group on campus as opposed to another.** I think any question to revisit the issue needs to be heard by the entire AUITF group, rather than just me. My role is merely to put into place what is being recommended by AUITF. How ASA and AUITF coordinate reviews and ADA issues on campus is beyond my role and needs to work out between AUTIF and ASA. “ [Emphasis added]

WHEREAS The Office of Facilities Services scheduled a meeting to address the Campus Master Plan at 5:30 PM on 25 May 2010 in the LaSells Center.

WHEREAS In an email to the AUITF date 20 May 2011 from C. Jeffery Evans, Mr. Evans writes:

“Ok, here is my problem ---

Notification and Participation: How was this session announced? Barometer? If yes, then visually impaired individuals received no notification (ADA Violation). DAS Listserv? No. ASA Listserv? No. All Students Listserv? No. Then persons with disabilities and/or the organizations that advocate for them, were not notified (ADA Violations).

It was on the OSU Today website. Is that ADA-compliant? Gabe, correct me if I am wrong but, it isn’t (ADA Violation).

Was the community at large (Corvallis-Albany-Philomath-Lebanon) notified? I don’t think so. Persons with disabilities off campus use this campus for a variety of things and, therefore, have standing under the ADA. I think the answer is, no. (ADA Violations).

The event is scheduled for 1730 (5:30) to 1900 (7:00) or later. The Shuttle stops running at 1830 (6:30). So, students who live on campus must traverse inaccessible paths-of-travel after 6:30. This is a disincentive to participation. This is called “effective” discrimination because it prevents or discourages individuals with disabilities from participating. (ADA Violation). Of course, those of us who drive can parking in the parking structure … except, there is no accessible POT from the parking structure to LeSells. (ADA Violation)
Materials: Dan, you provided a link to the MP on Facilities Services website. Thank you. However, that document is not in an accessible format (Again, Gabe, please correct me if I am wrong) nor is the Facilities Website ADA-compliant. (ADA Violations).

Purpose: The MP is a violation of the ADA. Why is it being presented as an active document? (ADA Violation).

So far, that is eleven separate ADA violations.

Those [sic] is the ASA’s problems with this session. I’m sure, if I really tried, I can find others. It really doesn’t seem as though that particular department is learning anything. To suggest that because this is a yearlong process and that we have plenty of time to comment is to forget that persons with disabilities must be free to attend ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS so that we can hear other points of view, comment on erroneous statements, and give ongoing opinions.”

WHEREAS Mr. Evans and the ASA received no response.
WHEREAS The event was held without modification.
WHEREAS On 7 February 2011, at the behest of OSU President, Ed Ray, efforts were initiated to facilitate reversal of the COSID Coup.
WHEREAS ASA reengagement was addressed by the AUITEF and in its Minutes of the AUITEF dated 9 June 2011 states that “ … at a previous meeting we stated we did not support having Jeffrey as the ASA representative. Dan clarified that he made that clear in the meeting, as well as conveyed that AUITEF believed having ASA involvement was a value to the taskforce.”
WHEREAS Able Student Alliance Executive Committee member, Nataliya Kozlova, is a Senior in Civil Engineering experienced and knowledgeable with respect to accessible design.
WHEREAS Able Student Alliance Executive Committee member, Michelle Conklin, is a Senior in Housing Studies and Interior Design and has significant training in accessible design.
WHEREAS Able Student Alliance Alum, Lauren Harder, is a graduate with a B.S. in Housing Studies and holds an International Code Council Designation as an Accessibility Plans Examiner and Inspector.
WHEREAS Able Student Alliance Executive Committee member, C. Jeffery Evans, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, has created and designed training courses for over 1100 members of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and is recognized by the Federal Court for the District of Northern Nevada and the United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals as an expert in the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
WHEREAS Inclusion of this level of expertise in the planning and development of Oregon State University is in the interests of all students, present and future.
WHEREAS The Accessible University Initiative Taskforce cannot fairly represent the concerns and issues of people with disabilities on the Oregon State University campus if the voices of people with disabilities or those with expertise on the Americans with Disabilities Act are muted or excluded from the meetings of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

The ASOSU requests that the membership and voting rights of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce be restored to the original charter of the committee as defined by the letter sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010, by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

The ASOSU requests that the administration of Oregon State University shall investigate the actions of members of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce and the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities for their roles in the muting and excluding of the voices of disabled students, faculty and staff of Oregon State University.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

If these actions do not occur within two weeks of the passage of this resolution, representatives of ASOSU shall cease to participate on the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce, the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, and the University Parking Committee. This situation shall continue until the University implements the required changes.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

The ASOSU looks forward to the restoration of voting rights and membership as defined by the letter sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010, by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

The ASOSU values every member of the Oregon State University community and believes that every student, faculty, and staff member should have full access to campus facilities and resources regardless of disability.
Sponsored By:
Douglas Van Bossuyt, Graduate Representative, ASOSU
Able Student Alliance
C. Jeffery Evans, President, Able Student Alliance, ASOSU
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Approved by:
Drew Hatlen, Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Signature: _____________________________ Date: ____________
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