The Americans with Disabilities Advisory Committee met Tuesday, May 20, 2008 in the faculty lounge. Those present were Mickey Cannon, Marilyn Nicholson, Maurice Moore, Carolyn Woods, and David Jones.

The meeting was opened with an update from Mickey Cannon, ADA Compliance Officer. He said we are getting more and more students with special needs. The total for the school is now six. The most requested special accommodations are calculators, extended time testing, tape recorders, and private room testing. Proctors and private space for testing must be available for these students. At this time Dr. Nicholson and Anita McCreary are helping with proctoring test.

Mr. Cannon also gave an update on the student that required the special software and scanner. She is doing very well and actually took the Workkeys Test without any assistance.

Richard Lynn was unavailable to give an update on the seating for larger students. This was requested to avoid embarrassment for these students. Everyone was in agreement tables and chairs would be a good alternative to desks.

Carolyn Woods said there is no handicapped accessibility for the front door of the Administration building at the Atmore campus. She said students coming for testing have to enter through the rear door.

Suggestions for updates to better serve those students with special needs are:

- Bathrooms need to have ADA mirrors
- Doors that open within proper resistance limits for the handicapped
- Regular battery checks for doorbells
- Tables and chairs to replace desks as new seating for students is purchased

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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