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Equipment Loan Policy

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to outline guidelines for Office of Disability Services loaning assistive and learning technology equipment to students with a documented disability.

PERSONS AFFECTED/RESPONSIBLE: Xavier University of LA Office of Disability Services staff members and students approved for accommodations with a documented disability.

POLICY

Office of Disability Services (ODS) provides technology to help students independently meet their request for assistive and learning technologies i.e. (**Sonocent, LiveScribe SmartPen, Peer to Peer Notetaking, and Real-time Transcribing services**) on a case by case basis. Students are responsible for submitting requests for accommodations each term through **ODS Online Services or call ODS @ (504)520-7607**. Depending on the documented disability and functional limitations a student may borrow assistive and /or learning technologies. **Due to the limited number of assistive/learning technology equipment, request are processed on a first come, first serve basis.** ODS will make every effort to provide the specific technology/equipment requested by the student depending on the nature of the documented disability. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its amendments requires that priority consideration be given to the specific methods requested by the student, it does not imply that a particular accommodation must be granted if it is deemed not reasonable and other suitable methods are available.

Students will be held responsible for maintaining the equipment and returning it to the Office of Disability Services at the end of the term in which it was borrowed. Equipment should be returned in good working order other than the normal wear and tear. Students may be held financially responsible for replacing the equipment if lost or stolen, or reimbursing ODS for repair cost of the equipment if it is damaged due to negligent or improper use or academic related consequences may be imposed, such as late fees, withholding transcripts or inability to register for classes.

PROCEDURE

Students approved for this accommodation will receive an ODS Accommodation Notification Letter, and students will be required to meet with a member ODS in order to receive appropriate training on how to properly use the equipment. Upon completion of training, students will sign an Equipment Loan Agreement Contract which identifies the equipment borrowed, duration of the loan and expected return date and student responsibilities.

Please be aware that any and all disability-related information is confidential and should be treated as such. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Disability Services by phone (504)520-7607 or email @ disabilityservices@xula.edu.

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