

# Action Plan "One University for All

## Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the steering group on 06.10.2020, 13-15 h as a video conference.

List of participants (alphabetical):

Silke Adam, Employee Representative for Severely Disabled Employees

Andrea Bartkowski, Senate Representative for the Interests of Disabled Students

Prof. Dr. Manfred Bayer, Rector of TU Dortmund University

Dr. Carsten Bender, Center for Higher Education, Disability and Student Services (DoBuS)

Vivien Birkner, Officer of the Autonomous Disability Unit (ABeR)

Michael Brockmeier, Department of Building and Facility Management

Tatjana von Estorff, Inclusion Representative of the Employer for Severely Disabled Employees

Nadine Finke-Micheel, Equal Opportunity, Family and Diversity Office

Martin Kötterheinrich, ITMC

Eva Prost, Head of the University Communications Department

Dr. Ute Zimmermann, Equal Opportunity, Family and Diversity Office

Excused: Lisa Burghardt, Franziska Fleitmann, Nicole Hüsing, Christoph Käßler, Thomas Quill, Nima Saleh-Ebrahimi, Bianca Schumacher, Tobias Sturm

### ITEM 1: Welcome:

Ute Zimmermann and Carsten Bender welcome the attendees.

Rector Bayer welcomes those present and explains that he represents the topic area of diversity in the Rectorate.

### TOP 2: Developments since April 2020 - Report and discussion

Ute Zimmermann and Carsten Bender report on the developments in the individual fields of action since April 2020. The minutes supplement the comprehensive PowerPoint presentation "A University for All" - State of Play 10/20.

#### Field of action (structural) accessibility

Carsten Bender sums up that the Corona pandemic has advanced the accessibility of digital products at TU Dortmund University quickly and well. The cooperation between DoBuS and the respective responsible units at TU Dortmund University was very productive.

**Regarding field of action 1.7, Reconstruction of the Mensa Bridge,** Michael Brockmeier, Department 6, reports on current developments: The city of Dortmund has resumed planning for the reconstruction of the bus stops. The waiting area is being redesigned. The flow of traffic is to be slowed down by prioritizing bicycle traffic and by three crossing points (crosswalks). In addition, a new lighting concept will create a brighter situation under the Mensa Bridge.

be. Frank Appelt, Dec. 6, is accompanying the process as project coordinator. In a few weeks, Mr. Brockmeier will be able to present the first plans.

**Discussion:** Rector Bayer raises the idea of a permanently installed radar control or a speed sign, since the speed of cars increases especially in the evening hours. Mr. Brockmeier takes up this suggestion for the discussions with the city.

**Regarding item 1.5,** site plan for accessibility on campus: Ute Zimmermann reports on possible participation in a routing project (UniMaps) in the buildings that Bielefeld University has launched. There is a working group for this consisting of Arne von Irmer (ITMC), Natalia Wilk (Dec. 6), Carsten Bender and Ute Zimmermann.

UniMaps is an app for barrier-free navigation on the campus of Bielefeld University. Martin Kötterheinrich notes that a transferability of the Bielefeld project to our campus may be difficult due to different structural conditions.

### Field of action prospective students and students/teachers

**Regarding item 2.5,** admission requirements for Master's studies: A ruling by the Münster Higher Administrative Court may make it more difficult in the future to claim specific life circumstances when recognizing achievements for Master's studies. Andrea Bartkowski reports that it is currently being examined whether a disadvantage compensation must be granted in addition to the criterion of the Abitur grade.

### Field of action research

**Re item 4.3,** Employment of disabled and chronically ill junior scientists. An application for an extended contract can also be made directly upon hiring. Administratively, this is not a problem, but the request must be made by the faculty.

### Field of action Public Relations

**Regarding 5.1,** audio description of the TU image film: Eva Prost, university communication, reports that a video in sign language about the TU Dortmund University as well as the website navigation is to be produced by the end of the year. So far, such a video is not known from any other university.

**Regarding item 5.2,** awareness of value-led action or VALUE COMPETENCE: A discussion about a value-led university culture should be initiated on a much larger scale with various stakeholders. Ideas for this can be brought to the steering group.

### Quality assurance field of action

**Re item 6.1,** Survey of the situation of disabled/chronically ill students: Initial results of the DoBus survey on accessibility in the online semester indicate that students see accessibility as a given. A differentiated evaluation of the results is still pending.

**Discussion:** In cooperation with Department 1, Strategy and Quality Management Division, it should be discussed how the findings from various

surveys can be gathered to get a good picture of accessibility at TU.

### **TOP 3: Extension of the objectives of the action plan - discussion of proposals**

The Autonomous Disability Unit (ABeR) has submitted some proposals for addition to the Action Plan. The decision on inclusion in the action plan or implementation outside the action plan was made as follows:

#### **Field of action 1: Structural accessibility**

**Item 1:** Michael Brockmeier is concerned about clearer marking of the stairs at the exit EF50 building part A (intersection Emil-Figge-Str./ Vogelpothsweg) and also checks the possibility of better lighting.

**Point 2:** The non-accessible charging devices for the Unicard are the responsibility of the Studierendenwerk. Ute Zimmermann and Carsten Bender contact the Studierendenwerk and also address the question of better lighting in the dining hall area (point 4). In a conversation with ABeR, it is to be defined once again which areas are specifically concerned. Martin Kötterheinrich adds that there are concrete considerations to replace the Unicard digitally (by an app) in the future. By 2025 at the latest, the recharging devices will be obsolete, as the cash card system will be discontinued by the savings banks. Payment by EC card is already possible in the university library. In the future, this option will probably be supplemented by the possibility of payment via app.

**Point 3:** The lack of accessibility of the call system of the student secretariat and the student union as well as the lack of orientation possibilities in the building there are included in the action plan.

**Item 5:** When a list of the equipment requirements for mailboxes is available (building, floor, room), Mr. Brockmeier will address the barrier-free design of the various mailboxes at TU Dortmund University. DoBuS and Dec 6 will check whether accessibility requirements have been developed in the context of the installation of the barrier-free deadline mailbox, which can be used further if necessary. Michael Brockmeier suggests that mailboxes in new buildings should be equipped and installed barrier-free as standard. This should be included in the design instructions for the new building concepts.

**Item 6:** There are not yet any room planning drafts in the required level of detail for the design of the workspace for people with disabilities and improved assistive technology. Andrea Bartkowski and Carsten Bender explain that they are both involved in the standard room planning process and can contribute the elements mentioned as soon as this level of detail is reached in the plans.

#### **Field of action 2: Prospective students and students/teaching**

Ute Zimmermann raises the question of how teachers can be made more aware of the need to make their courses accessible. Rector Bayer proposes to bring the topic to the Deans' Conference. Carsten

Bender adds that he would like to combine the topic of a "culture of openness to the needs of students with disabilities" with information on established processes for implementing disadvantage compensation and bring it in there.

Ute Zimmermann reports that she will have a conversation with Katrin Stolz, head of university didactics, on the topic of disability mainstreaming in continuing education courses of university didactics. She also proposes an interview with a teacher or a student on accessible teaching as part of the series "3 Questions to". Eva Prost gladly accepts this suggestion and reports that the topic of accessibility will also be represented in the next Unizet. Furthermore, she reports that University Communications is currently designing a PowerPoint template slide for face-to-face events on the topic of seat registration in courses. In addition, another slide will now be included in the template with the question of special needs of students as well as implementation possibilities.

### **Regarding field of action 6: Quality assurance**

The proposal to make the teaching evaluation accessible will be included in the action plan.

### **TOP 4: Vote on the further procedure**

The steering group agrees to a next meeting in half a year. Ute Zimmermann and Carsten Bender take over the coordination of the meeting.