



NYSDSC



1980

SUNY Task Force

“Out of survival”, a handful of Disability coordinators from the central NY area decided to meet periodically during the 504 days in the ‘80s”

1990

Americans with Disabilities Act

Passage of Americans with Disability Act

1996

SUNY Task Force

First SUNY DSC Constitution created; First President –Jean Fairbairn. Established as a “SUNY” network, independent colleges were involved in networking and advocacy provided to the state.

1997

Bruce Polmeroy -AHEAD President

Bruce Pomelroy, from Broome County College was the President of the National AHEAD.

2000

Task force on Postsecondary Ed formed

Task Force on Postsecondary Education and Disabilities prepared recommendations to NYSED in March 2000

2000

Data collection Higher Ed with Disabilities Students (HEDS)

SUNY DSC pushed to establish a funding mechanism and formula based on numbers of students with disabilities who self-identified compared to FTE

2003

Chapter 219 Copyright law

Strong advocacy for passage of Chapter 219 copyright Laws of 2003

2003

Randy Borst -AHEAD President

Randy Borst University of Buffalo, SUNY was an AHEAD President from 2002-2003

2007

NYSDSC formed

NYSDSC adding Independent, CUNY, and Proprietary Colleges. First higher education organization that all sectors combined efforts. Roger Purdy was instrumental in assisting with this collaboration.

2012

NYSDSC -501(c)3 Status

Official 501(c)3 Status

2013

NYSDSC became an AHEAD Affiliate

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2014

Interactive NYSDSC.org Website

NYSDSC created a website with membership and interaction available

2014

 **NYSED Advisory Council for SWD in Post-Secondary Education Created**

NYSDSC was involved in the establishment of the NYSED Advisory council for Students with Disabilities in Post –Secondary Education. Tamara Mariotti Co Chair with Regent Christine Cea

2015

 **ADA TAP Law passed**

Influential in the passing of updated ADA TAP Law

2017

 **Reader's Aid Law Updated**

Influential in the updates to the Reader's Aid Law

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 **NYS Coalition of Students with Disabilities**

Influential in coordinating a grass roots effort for students with disabilities in higher education for NY.