

NYSDSC History

NYSDSC is an organization to share disability information, provide training for its members, and a strong advocacy network.



SUNY Task Force – “Out of survival”, a handful of us from the central NY area decided to meet periodically during the 504 days in the ‘80s”

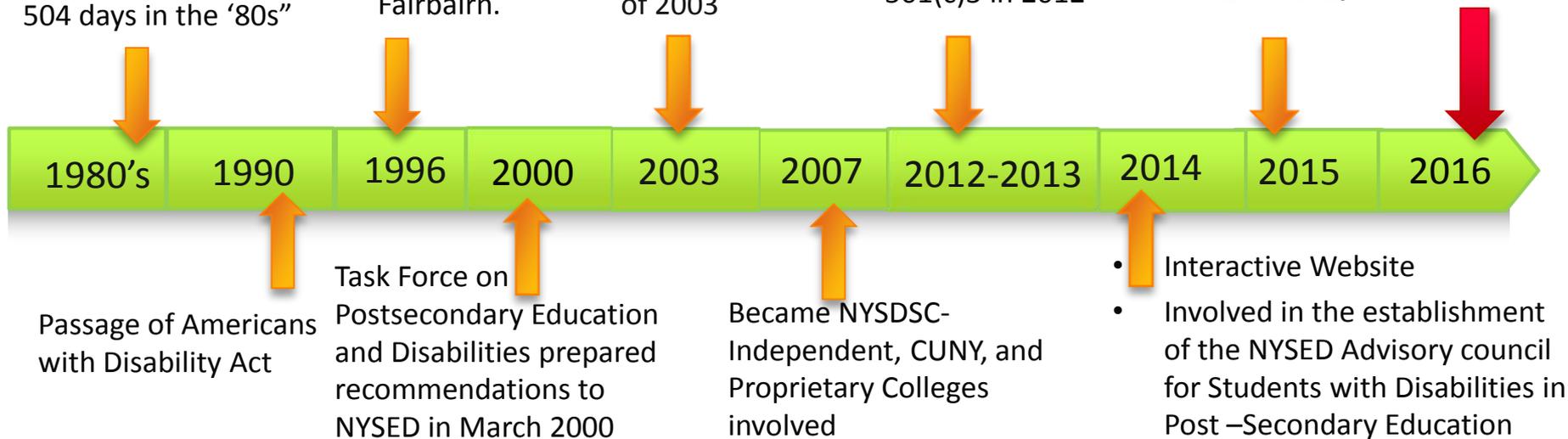
First SUNY DSC Constitution- First President –Jean Fairbairn.

Strong advocacy for passage of Chapter 219 copyright Laws of 2003

NYSDSC became an AHEAD affiliate - 2013, Officially 501(c)3 in 2012

Influential in the passing of updated ADA TAP Law

Today



- Established as a “SUNY” network, independent colleges were involved in the networking and advocacy provided to the state from the onset.
- First higher education group in NY State that all sectors combined efforts.
- Bruce Pomeroy & Randy Borst were both President of AHEAD in the early years.
- Bruce Pomeroy, Randy Borst, Michele Fish, Nancy Belowich-Negron, Sheila Dai, Lynn Waldman, B. Jean Fairbairn, Kathy Hoffman, Merrill D. Parra and Roger Purdy were leaders within the early Task Force.
- SUNY DSC pushed to establish a funding mechanism and formula based on numbers of students with disabilities who self-identified compared to FTE (March 2000)
- Roger Purdy was instrumental in the modification to NYSDSC to add Independent, CUNY, and Proprietary