What About Disability?

SIGN THE PETITION: SPREAD THE WORD. AND SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY’S EFFORTS FOR A SPACE ON CAMPUS
The Disabled Population at Iowa

- 80% increase over 10 years in student accommodations (Krejci 2022).
- 77% increase overall in recorded disabled students (Krejci 2022).
- Nationally, there's been an increase from 13% to 18% of disabled students graduating with a BA (PNPI 2022).
- However, this is still significantly smaller than the rate of 36% for non-disabled students (PNPI 2022).
Academia is Ableist

- Students and academics report being seen as their disability and not as people (Brown & Leigh 2018, Saia 2022).
- Many colleges are still unprepared to support disabled students beyond ADA-mandated accommodations (Hong 2015).
How a Cultural Center Helps

- "Unlike the larger institutional context, participants viewed the DCC as rooted in social and cultural understanding of disability that was designed for and involved disabled students" (Saia 2022).
- Reduces students sense of isolation and leads to solving campus-wide problems (Chiang 2020).
- This sense of identity and belonging leads to *an increase in student retention and graduation* (Rave, Murchake, & Chalk, 2018).
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