Americans with Disabilities Act and Accessibility Committee (ADAAAC) Meeting
MINUTES
January 13, 2016

Attendees: Phyllis King (Academic Affairs), Brian Peters (Independence First), Erin Wiggins (ASL Studies Program), Barb Simon (ARC), Jim Hill (Student Affairs), Kim Pietsch (Registrar’s Office), Roger O. Smith (OST Dept, College of Health Sciences), Jeb F. Willenbrun (Math Sci), Jenell Cocroft (OUA + Sophomore Student), Eric Becker (Athletics), Warren Scherer (Inclusive Excellence Center), Tiffany Thorton (UWM Libraries), David Delgado (CETL), Zack Stewerwald (Univ. Safety & Assurances), Mike Priem (Campus Planning), Jason Kuiper (HR), Mary Knasinski (PASS), Aura Hirschman (ARC), Beth Traylor (Library), Megan Elizabeth DuFrane (Grad student, Multicultural Student Affairs).

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01am.
2. Introductory remarks/announcements
   a. A volunteer was asked to take minutes and Phyllis King volunteered.
   b. The minutes from the December meeting were approved with no other changes.
   c. Introductions of all attendees occurred.
   d. Aura announced plans to meet with Sue Podgorski this week to design the website for ADAAAC content. Once the site is up and running she will invite feedback and volunteers to assist with the content.

3. Disability-related happenings
   a. Brian Peters, from Independence First, announced that the national ADA symposium will be held on June 19 – 22nd. There are 5 – 7 different tracks, with one on Higher Education accessibility. More details can be found at the website (http://adasymposium.org/). Stipends are available on a limited basis (For more info go to http://www.adagreatlakes.org/Webforms/Symposium/).
   b. The suggestion was made to ask the Provost and Chancellor to fund representatives from the ADAAAC to attend this conference.

4. Presentation on ADA and Accessibility (PowerPoint attached)
   a. Roger Smith directed members to the Access-ed Website, developed in the R2D2 Center, to learn more about accessibility in higher education and to find related resources.
   b. There is a class on campus looking at the accessibility of the UWM campus, the Design and Disability class offered through the Department of OS&T.
   c. Community Design Solutions, also on campus, has done some accessibility assessment on campus. They had contracts with community organizations to do accessibility assessments in the past.
   d. The Layton Park neighborhood has recently been addressing accessibility issues in local housing in collaboration with Community Design Solutions.

5. Next meeting is February 10th. This meeting will be devoted to an informational presentation by campus planning and the architects about current classroom remodeling plans and potential for ADAAAC involvement in future years. UWM is now in the bidding process for the some
classroom improvements, which include the improved accessibility of classrooms. Early design ideas will be vetted with the ADAAAC in the future.

6. Disability Awareness Month and Benefits Fair.
   a. The benefits fair will be held again this year in early October. A booth on ADA and accessibility will be developed. Program ideas or community collaborations for programming related to disability and accessibility during Disability Awareness month (October) are encouraged. Anyone interested in collaborating on this, please contact Aura Hirschman or Beth Traylor.
   b. Zach announced Garland Hall west end entrance is temporarily closed due to blowing snow. There is accessibility through Vogel Hall. If there are other issues like this, call Facility Services at x4742. Zach will look into putting up a sign with the alternate route and also sending an email that can be sent on to students through ARC.