

ADA and Accessibility Advisory Committee (ADAAAC) Minutes

From February 10, 2015 meeting

Attended: Abigail Amissah-Arthur, Jason Anderson, Kathy Barnes, Jenell Cocroft, Nelida Cortes, Cassie Franklin, Paul Gunderson, Jim Hill, Aura Hirschman, Mary Knasinski, Phyllis King, Brian Peters, Kim Pietsch, Mike Priem, Jean Salzer, Barb Simon, Roger Smith, Claude Schuttey, Zach Steuerwald, Tiffany Thornton, Peter Tonellato, Beth Traylor, Jeb Willenbring, Beth Traylor, Roger Smith, Bill Keith, Kevin Jahnke, Was Warren there? (people on the same side of table as us never signed in)

- 1) The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no additional changes.
- 2) Presentation by Mike Priem from campus facilities and architect Bob Barr, of Continuum Architects, on the construction project currently going to bid to improve several classrooms in 4 buildings on campus. ADAAAC committee will be brought in on the next project slated for 2017/19 at the 35% Completion mark of the construction plans. Claude Schuttey from campus planning also provided information about the project and future projects.
 - The slides from the presentation are attached to this email.
 - The rooms getting renovated are in Bolton, Cunningham, Lapham and Mitchell. Some changes are cosmetic while some require removing walls to create bigger classrooms, adding flexible seating, widening doors, adding visual alerts to any fire alarms and other improvements.
 - Listening receivers are being installed in all the new rooms. There are approximately 20-30 spaces with these kinds of receivers in them.
 - Questions arose about white boards being added to all the spaces and not chalk boards that provide a white on dark work surface for better visibility. Suggestion was offered for sliding whiteboards and for multi-heights. Blackboards will be left in the rooms where they were and white boards will be added.
 - Suggestion was made to include ADAAAC campus personnel in a tour of the classrooms where updates are proposed.
 - Mike Priem is on the ADAAAC committee and suggested that there be a couple of liaisons from ADAAAC to the Classroom Update Group who can offer input and who can report issues from the ADAAAC meetings that need to go to the campus planning department.
 - Information about campus projects can be found on the campus planning website at <http://www4.uwm.edu/uap/projects/> .
 - Claude Schuttey asked about whether contact information for campus planners and minutes from ADAAAC Meetings could be posted on the ADAAAC Website. Aura confirmed that this is the plan. He also indicated that Campus Planning would like the committee to come up with a set of universal design guidelines for new campus classroom projects that they can present to architects before new projects begin.
 - Suggestion was made for safer practices during construction projects, including signage and care with placement of ladders and equipment.
- 3) Announcements:
 - a) Upcoming webinars were discussed as well as the [“Diversity 2.0”](#) events through campus programming.
 - b) ADAAAC website is making progress – items mentioned in todays meeting to be included on new site, to be located on Chancellors Climate and Culture Page.
 - c) AT/IT Committee (Assistive Technology and Information Technology committee) will now be chaired by Kevin Janke. A suggestion was made to talk about current and future technologies including assistive listening systems like blue-tooth technology when the committee reconvenes in summer.
 - d) ARC is working with Professor Jeb Willenbring to assist ARC students with vision impairments to access math and also evaluate accessible math software for accessibility. The current systems that the math department uses include ALEKS and Pathways(?) and these are not uniformly accessible.