ADA and Accessibility Advisory Committee (ADAAAC)
Minutes of April 13, 2016

In attendance: Shannon Aylesworth, David Delgado, Aura Hirschman, Jim Hill, Mary Knasinski, Jason Kuiper, Molly Mathias, Kim Pietsch, Mike Priem, Brian Peters, Claude Schuttey, Jeb Willenbring, Sue Wolff, Stephanie Zito, Bill Keith, Megan DuFrane, Kathy Jean Barnes, Patricia B, Sarah Coban, Eric Becker, Patricia Borger, Jennifer Herzog

1) Introductory Remarks/Announcements

a) Note taker. Shannon Aylesworth taking the minutes.

b) Approval of March meeting minutes. Minutes of the last meeting were distributed, reviewed, and approved with no changes.

c) Survey. Please complete the survey by April 30th. The survey seeks to identify a consensus on a meeting schedule for the summer months and planning activities including subcommittees for the next academic year. Survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSCJ6NZ. We will discuss results of the survey at our next meeting on May 11.

2) Disability Related Happenings, task forces, committees etc.

a) Highlights - April 5th Campus event with Health Heelers. UWM libraries hosted 4 dogs and 1 cat. There were long lines of students and many left one line after petting one of the heelers and got into another line to meet the other heelers. Estimate is between 500-1,000 participants in the event. One of the handlers commented that there were never so many people at these type of events at Marquette University. This event took four years and several collaborations to realize and it was quite successful. Another event was scheduled today, during the meeting in the Fireside Lounge for Derby Days (11:30-1:00). Event organizers are aware of allergy concerns and the potential of interactions with service dogs. If you are interested in hosting an event with Health Heelers, contact Jim in Risk Management. Other vendors can also be used, but would need to be vetted first. Interested people/groups should contact Molly Susan Mathias.

b) Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) Excellence Awards - May 11 from 1:00-3:00 P.M. in Union 345. Five members of the campus community are being recognized for their outstanding demonstration of excellent services to students with disabilities, ARC staff and other ARC constituents such as parents, teachers, and advocates.

c) Update on October events for Disability Awareness Month - Film and Assistive Technology Demo display. Following the efforts of ADAAAC student
representative, Megan DuFrane, the Union Cinema will view “Right Footed” (http://rightfootedmovie.com/) between October 17-30. The cost is $250 for unlimited viewing rights and co-sponsors are welcomed. The film will be donated to Golda Meir after the screening debut. Brian Peters is working with a colleague at IndependenceFirst to see if they would like to collaborate with departments at UWM to demonstrate various assistive technologies utilized by individuals with disabilities. Erin will work with Brian, from UWM.

3) Presentation on D2L Accessibility by David Delgado, CETL

   a) PowerPoint attached

   b) Summary of main points: UWM hosts D2L for entire UW System. Each campus has the ability to customize D2L to meet their needs. D2L is an accessible product though there are several add-ons that are not hosted by UWM or D2L and were not vetted for accessibility. David and CETL are attempting to get the vetting of accessibility into the process of the add-on decisions. A software upgrade in June will include additional support for caption files of videos directly uploaded to D2L courses and dyslexic friendly fonts. There is an attempt to integrate a captioning workflow at the UW System level within D2L for departments to include billing information for the captioning services.

4) Presentation on the Barrier Study by Claude Schuttey, Campus Planning

   a) Ad-Hoc Barrier Committee Achievements handout attached

   b) Summary of main points: Accessibility app in development with rollout expected in Fall 2016, replacement of battery operated buttons continues, custodial staff will check operability of door buttons weekly, barrier study collaboration with facility services in summer 2016, classroom services is investigating the possibility of adding assistive listening device information to the ROAR inventory.

5) Next Meeting - May 11

   a) Presentation by Diane Reddy, CETL, On-line Instruction Accessibility

   b) Survey Results - summer meeting, committee goals/plans for next year

   c) Semester wrap-up