

ADAAAC Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Attendees: Shannon Aylesworth, Nelida Cortes, David Delgado, Paul Gunderson, Jim Hill, Mary Knasinski, Kim Pietsch, Brian Peters, Diane Reddy, Tom Scrivener, Barb Simon, Erin Wiggins, Jeb Willenbring, Aura Hirschman, Beth Traylor

- 1) Last meeting minutes approved.
- 2) Request for note taker: Barb Simon volunteered. Aura encouraged assistance from other members of the committee to take notes in the future.
- 3) Announcements
 - a) Diane Reddy from CETL invited everyone to register and/or submit proposals for the second annual Teaching and Learning Symposium on January 12, 2017 in Lubar Hall. Submission deadline is November. Diane explained that the purpose of the Symposium is to connect people across campus and to share resources. This year's theme is "Cultivating Communities of Deeper Learning". Last year, 160 people registered for the daylong conference. Presentations can vary from traditional 1 hour sessions to "digital lightning", to demonstrations or focus group discussions related to teaching and learning. There will be a key note speaker on the First Year Experience. Those who present will then receive support for attendance at the UW System conference in La Crosse, in the spring. <http://uwm.edu/academicaffairs/2017-teaching-learning-symposium/>
 - b) Other Announcements: Brian from Independence First announced that there will be an ADA symposium in Chicago next year with a track specifically for Higher Ed. The conference will be May 14-17, 2017. <http://www.adasympoium.org/>
- 4) Presentation: Jeb Willenbring on Math tutoring for Students with visual disabilities. Jeb presented on the grant received this year from Industries for the Blind to support students with visual disabilities in accessing mathematics. There are currently 5 students receiving tutoring and 5 student tutors, including 3 OT tutors. The tutors help the students to set up technology before the class starts and, ideally they attend class and office hours with the students, in addition to providing 1:1 tutoring. Jeb discussed the use of the Wolfram Alpha program and also Mathematica, software programs that are available to UWM staff and students. <http://uwm.edu/software/mathematica/> Paul Gunderson added that these are available through the UWM software store. Jeb mentioned that they have already applied for a National Science Foundation Grant to continue the work of this seed grant.

- 5) Feedback on the draft ADAAC annual report—committee members requested more time to review the report and provide feedback. Beth and Aura will be looking for that feedback before the next meeting.
- 6) Updates:
 - a) Accessibility App—Shannon Aylesworth reported that feedback on the App was passed along to Dustin Hahn. We have not received an update on progress of the App.
 - b) Across the Lifespan Conference—Shannon Aylesworth and Beth Traylor shared their experiences at the conference. Beth attended a session on Transition from High School and Shannon attended sessions on varieties of note taking accommodations (UW Stout) and a session from a young man who used an augmentative speech device.
 - c) Webinar—ELI Webinar: Accessibility Support Model—Shannon and Aura discussed the webinar from the University of Central Florida and how they use their learning management system (LMS). The University’s Provost sent a letter to faculty regarding resources available and endorsing the importance of compliance with ADA and proactive accessible course design. The letter was shared with webinar participants.

Aura drafted a similar letter for potential use at UWM, and Diane Reddy of CETL will be sharing this with Dev Venugopalan during her meeting with him, today. They will discuss providing this draft letter to the Provost to finalize and send out to UWM faculty along with the “Essential **Accessibility** Considerations (& Resources) for Instructional Materials” document.

Next meeting will be Dec. 14th at 10:30, in Chapman Hall Regents Room. Brian Peters will present about IndependenceFirst and there will be a discussion of the DOJ and University of Miami Consent Decree.