ADAAAC Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017

Attendees: Jason Anderson; Shannon Aylesworth; David Delgado; Cassie Franklin; Kevin Jahnke; Mary Knasinski; Qussai Obiedat; Brian Peters; Kim Pietsch; Mike Priem; Warren Scherer; Roger O. Smith; Zach Steurwald; Beth Traylor, Aura Hirschman.

1. Meeting Minutes approved from February 8, 2017.
2. Volunteer note taker: Kim Pietsch
3. Kudos to: Beth Traylor for the nice table tents!
4. Announcements:
   
a. There are two upcoming webinars on Accessibility:

   o **Accessibility in the Learning Environment: Getting to Know the Basics**
     March 21, 2017, 12 noon-1pm CST
     LOCATION: Library West B-12 (Media Viewing Room)
     **Presenter:** Serena "Grey" Reavis, University IT Accessibility Coordinator
     North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
     About this webinar: Accessibility impacts everyone in the college or university community, and in this webinar, we will discuss common accessibility barriers and their impact. We will consider the difference between accommodations and accessibility, the benefits of accessibility for all students, and ways that you can start incorporating accessibility in your role.

   o **Accessibility in the Learning Environment: Lessons Learned**
     April 20, 2017, 12noon – 1:30pm CST
     LOCATION: Kenilworth Room 1160
     **Presenter:** Kamran Rasul, Director of Assistive Technology
     Columbia Basin College, Pasco, WA

b. D2L update from David Delgado:

   o New learning management system evaluation in progress
   o Finalists should be available in April or May
   o Reviewers/testers will be recruited for the finalists
   o Additionally, a boiler-plate template for online agreements with vendors, that includes language addressing accessibility, is being developed for campus use.
c. ADAAAC Student Representative Chris Bauman, Disability Inclusion Student Senator, is hoping to have an April town hall for campus feedback. More info to come.

d. February Academic Staff newsletter has two articles on accessibility. One on Read and Write Gold and one on the new Accessibility option in the UWM app. 

5. Shannon Aylesworth conducted a student survey and has the names and contact information of students interested in serving on tech related focus groups. Some highlighted survey results:

   a. Received about a 10% response rate (64 out of 680) 
   b. Respondents reported perceived discrimination from instructors and TAs 
   c. Respondents expressed desire/need for more quiet campus study locations (voice input, etc.)

6. Roger Smith provided a demo of audio description (AD) for video, noting the precision with which descriptions must be interspersed with dialog and sound track. R2D2 Center is unveiling a website with a collection of AD & CC media in April. AD may also be available for live performances. Fun facts on closed captioning (CC) and AD:

   a. #1 use of CC: watching media while sharing a bed 

7. Aura and Beth met with Chancellor Mone, Jim Hill, Phyllis King, and Susan Weslow. Here are the talking points.

   The Chancellor:

   a. Thanked the ADAAAC for its work and would like to be kept informed of committee activities
   b. Plans to attend a future ADAAAC meeting
   c. Would like the committee to investigate and report on how UWM compares with other UW System schools and other R1 urban research institutions.
   d. Suggested that the campus would not be getting a full time campus accessibility coordinator in the near future.
e. Further ADAAAC discussion on the outcome of the meeting with the Chancellor:

- Have a campus accessibility coordinator PD ready to go in the event that funds become available and/or need becomes undeniable
- Current assessment of UWM’s accessibility ranking is mid-range given there is no coordinator and there’s room for general improvement
- Look closely at any R1 urban institutions used to evaluate our standing compared to others to make sure the institutions are equitable in other important/relevant categories.

8. New meeting location of Cunningham 795 seemed to work well. Please let Beth or Aura know your comments.

Next Meetings:

April 12, 2017 at 10:30am in Cunningham 795
May 10, 2017 at 10:30am in Cunningham 795
June 14, 2017 at 10:30am in Cunningham 795