

**ADA and Accessibility Advisory Committee (ADAAAC)  
Meeting Minutes**

**October 19, 2016**

In Attendance: Mary Knasinski, Cassie Franklin, Shannon Aylesworth, Stephanie Zito, Zack Steurwald, Matt Mountin, Jim Hill, Jean Salzer, Jason Anderson, Erin Wiggins, Kara Mannor, Aura Hirschman, Beth Traylor, Claude Schuttey, Steve Mohar, Karen Wolfert, Dustin Hahn, and Mark Jacobson

1) Introductory remarks/Announcements

- a) Note taker – Shannon Aylesworth
- b) Approval of March meeting minutes - Approved

2) Presentation by Mark Jacobson, Director of Web and Mobile Resources, on Web Accessibility and UWM.

- a) Demonstrated a text based browser to identify how a person using a screen reader might access the web site.

b) Definition of web accessibility from the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C):

<https://www.w3.org/> *“What is Web Accessibility*

*Web accessibility means that people with disabilities can use the Web. More specifically, Web accessibility means that people with disabilities can perceive, understand, navigate, and interact with the Web, and that they can contribute to the Web. Web accessibility also benefits others, including older people with changing abilities due to aging. Web accessibility encompasses all disabilities that affect access to the Web, including visual, auditory, physical, speech, cognitive, and neurological disabilities. The document "How People with Disabilities Use the Web" describes how different disabilities affect Web use and includes scenarios of people with disabilities using the Web.”*

- c) The popularity of mobile devices and search engine optimization features are inadvertently improving web accessibility.

d) UWM is using WordPress to streamline web presence and encourage web accessibility. Qualtrics has an accessibility checker built into it.

d) Future initiatives include promoting tools to evaluate web accessibility (e.g. WAVE, <http://wave.webaim.org/>) and providing the campus community an opportunity to learn more about web accessibility through open sessions.

e) The Accessibility link on the UWM Home web page (<http://www4.uwm.edu/accessibility.cfm>) is a work in progress. This page will follow Word Press accessibility guidelines, including a statement of web accessibility and contact information for people to inquire about or report on web accessibility issues. There will also be a link to a form to submit web accessibility issues.

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

a) The “Right Footed” film showing and panel discussion on Tuesday, October 18 was very successful with about 50 people participating. A captioned version of this video will be available for checkout from the Media and Reserve Library.

b) We are looking at different (more accessible) venue options for meetings starting in January - suggestions are welcome.

c) Steve Mohar announced that there are changes to be implemented at the Klotsche Center racquetball courts. He and Karen Wolfert, Senior Architect and Campus Planner, from Campus Planning, Facilities Planning & Management, would like input from ADAAC members regarding accessibility or lack thereof. The racquetball courts in the basement of the original building are underutilized. They are looking at that space for some new workout equipment. That space is only accessible now through 2 stairways. Suggestions offered from the committee: find an accessible space for the equipment; switch another space (like offices) with that space to make it accessible.

1. They offered to walk to Klotsche after the meeting, with any interested ADAAC members, to show the space in question: Shannon, Cassie, Erin, and Stephanie Zito and Aura accompanied Karen and Steve

over to Klotsche. (It was an interesting scenario and discussion. Not sure where they will go with this, but Steve and Karen were given other resources to explore and other ideas so that there are some options for students with disabilities, and they are not excluded.

2. If others from the committee were interested, it was agreed they could e-mail Steve Mohar, [sjmohar@uwm.edu](mailto:sjmohar@uwm.edu), to arrange to see the racquetball courts, but they are asking for this to happen over the course of the next week and to receive any feedback or suggestions also within the week.

- d) Beth and Aura announced that an ADAAC annual report draft would be sent out with today's minutes. This draft was shared with Phyllis King, who also shared it with the Provost. Beth and Aura would like any feedback regarding the annual report before the next meeting, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, so that it can be finalized and presented to the Chancellor in the next few months.
  - e) Jean Salzer announced that there are 5 students who will get interviews with the federal government through Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP).
- 4) Presentation on the new Accessibility App by Dustin Hahn, App Brewery (UWM Mobile Innovation Lab) See Attached handout.
- a) Suggestions offered during the meeting included: changing the name of the first option to "Automatic door not working"; Adding an option for elevator issues; moving the "Other" issue option right below the other option; adding a link to a map to indicate where the issue is to fill in the address; adding a drop down menu with building names to use for location; creating a map overlay that shows where current issues are on campus; someone asked if there is a desktop version for users without smartphones – directed to use the "iservice desk" request through campus facilities <http://uwm.edu/facility-services/>
  - b) If you are interested in beta testing the accessibility feature of the UWM App, please email Shannon Aylesworth at [aylessr@uwm.edu](mailto:aylessr@uwm.edu).
  - c) If you have feedback on the accessibility feature of the UWM App, please email Shannon Aylesworth at [aylessr@uwm.edu](mailto:aylessr@uwm.edu) by Friday, October 28.

Further Feedback requested:

- What do you like about the app?
- What don't you like about the app?
- Is there a feature you wish were available in the app?
- Did you have any problem navigating the app?
- Anything else related to the app you want us to share with the developer?

5) Next Meeting - November 9<sup>th</sup>

- a) Jeb Willenbring will present on a math tutoring grant and math accessibility issues for students with visual impairments