**ADAAAC Meeting Notes**

**Wed, July 12, 2017**

**11:00am-12:00pm**

**Cunningham Hall 795**

Attendees: Natalie Benavides, Cassie Franklin, Tamara Edmond, Aura Hirschman, Mark Jacobsen, Kevin Jahnke, Phyllis King, Jason Kuiper, Kim Pietsch, Patrick Kessenick, Jack Steuerwald, Tiffany Thornton, Beth Traylor, Erin Wiggins, Sue Wolff,

**1. Approval of last meeting minutes**

* Correct Susan Wolff’s last name
* Add list of attendees

**2. Announcement: Webinars, articles, etc.**

* Webinars upcoming and past [Link to list of past and present webinars](file:///C:\Users\bethe\Downloads\Webinars%20for%20ADAAAC%20July%20minutes%202017.docx)
* Article from the Chronicle of Higher Education: “One Activist Has Hundreds of Colleges under the Gun to Fix Their Websites.”

<http://www.chronicle.com/article/One-Activist-Has-Hundreds-of/240551?key=72j1l1UUEyowYXfrsBrRAKlaHI_m168w6gOtPAsUhV046JDO8e7O-DIVSTZykf4xUnM0VEZUeEo1UVRvUFVheEFnckt1SHlEb1N3SjYzX2I3MFhpT0pUOXZIWQ>

**3. Accessibility Policy Review**

* Typography/styling questions were raised. It was clarified that the underlined text will be hypertext links. Minor edits agreed upon.
* Several sections added under Scope. It was noted that OERs, iBooks and MOOCS were added as media/delivery methods.
* Implementation of the accessibility policy was briefly discussed. Completing a study of required implementation resources, including staff hours, funds, etc. was suggested by Mark Jacobson. It was suggested by Mark Jacobson to include information along with the draft policy on how to address accessibility gaps that cannot be eliminated.
* The draft policy is recommended to go forward.
* A cover letter with considerations will be included…to include:

oversight and enforcement of policy was raised by numerous individuals.

Resources and money to implement

Legacy and older Systems or Archived Files

* Reasonable accommodation section was suggested to be added (between Standards and Scope).
* Human Resources and ARC will work together on reasonable accommodations.
* Policy shall be updated to include link to UWM Accessibility page at uwm.edu/accessibility.

**4. UWM Accessibility Page**

* A preview of a new, draft UWM Accessibility Page was provided by Mark Jacobson. <http://wwwdev.uwm.edu/accessibility/> - Send any comments/changes to Mark by August 9.
* Committee discussed the Web Accessibility Reporting Form and the triage process. In summary: University Relations will receive each request and respond or route the request so that the appropriate unit on campus can address the Web Accessibility Report submission.
* Susan Wolff raised the question of what it takes to make a website accessible. Aura Hirschman offered that the “Essential Accessibility Considerations (& Resources) for Instructional Materials” was devised for UWM use [Essential-Accessibility-Considerations-for-Instructional-Materials-1.pdf](http://uwm.edu/arc/wp-content/uploads/sites/97/2017/06/6-20-17-Essential-Accessibility-Considerations-for-Instructional-Materials-1.pdf)

The Harvard HUIT Online Accessibility Website was also mentioned by Mark Jacobson as an inspirational resource on providing a checklist of web accessibility considerations. <https://accessibility.huit.harvard.edu/>

**5. UWM Human Resources Employee Accessibility Resources Page**

* Jason Kuiper provided an update and overview of a general Employee Accessibility Resources page that is being created.
* A preview will be provided at the next committee meeting..

**6. Grants**

* A second grant will be submitted to Industries for the Blind to secure tutors and assistive technology for student in Math classes. First grant last year was very successful.

**7. Access Illinois Mobile App**

* A video of this campus map app, which won first prize from a student competition at the University of Illinois. <http://ow.ly/p1Cq30cn01M>
* App provides accessible map of a campus that has a focus on ease of use and user interface simplicity (for example, used with only one hand).
* Mark Jacobson will discuss this app with UWM App Brewery Project Manager Dustin Hahn.

**8. Physical pathways/barriers Informational**

* The concept was discussed of creating a “real time” updated informational source for members of UWM and campus visitors to obtain information about physical barriers, pathway obstructions, etc. that exist on campus. An example is a path closed due to construction. This information will be of value for accessibility purposes and also for everybody on campus, including visitors. This information, if maintained in a single place, can be published out to appropriate destinations (e.g. particular areas of UWM.edu).
* The next action is to schedule a feasibility and needs discussion with members/representatives of University Relations (Mark Jacobson, Sarah Ruder), Transportation Services, Facilities Services, the Barrier Study Committee member, and the ADAAAC - Kim Pietsch and Erin Wiggins volunteered to represent ADAAAC.

**Next Meeting:**

August 9, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in Cunningham 795