ADAAAC Meeting Notes

Wed, June 14, 2017

10:30 – 11:30pm

Cunningham Hall 795

Attendees: Shannon Aylsworth, Natalie Benavides, David Delgado, Cassie Franklin, Aura Hirschman, Kevin Jahnke, Jason Kuiper, Kim Pietsch, Brian Peters, Roger Smith, Barb Simon, Beth Traylor, Sue Wolff

1. Approval of last meeting minutes
2. Announcements: webinar recordings and upcoming webinars.

Shannon Aylesworth remembered one upcoming webinar regarding the recent Section 508 refresh. She will follow up with sending info to ADAAAC members after the meeting. (This was June 15, from 1-2 p.m. central time, “Complying with the Section 508 & Section 255 Refresh presented by Bruce Bailey and Timothy Creagan from the U.S. Access Board. **Transcript and slides now available** at 3 Play Media site - [http://www.3playmedia.com/resources/webinars/webinar-registration-06-15-2017/](http://www.3playmedia.com/resources/webinars/webinar-registration-06-15-2017/" \t "_blank))

1. Aura reviewed highlights of a couple recent campus meetings, including a Licensing Working Group Meeting with the College of Letters & Sciences, on June 2nd and a Barrier Study Committee Meeting, on May 22nd.
   * The Licensing Working Group Meeting included representatives from Purchasing, CETL, UITS, L&S, ARC, and Legal. Discussion included several issues that have come up that highlight the need for vetting the purchasing process of new software textbook packages and related software. Publishers are offering textbook software packages which are often purchased by faculty without consideration for accessibility, security and privacy, and cost to the student. David Delgado offered that whatever vetting process is agreed upon for the College of Letters & Science would next be applied to the rest of campus.
   * At the Barrier Study Committee, it was announced that signage at all electronic doors is being installed with the number to call, if problems are noted. Also, Dustin Hahn provided an update of the Accessibility App that is part of the UWM App. It will be “rolled out” with Fall “marketing” of UWM app. Instead of reports to the App going to an email address, the reports will go directly to Dawn Aguilera, Work Order Center Manager, Facility Services.
2. Roger Smith reported that The UW System Presidents Advisory Council on Disability Issues (PACDI) has been discussing the hiring of an accessibility expert in purchasing at the UW System level. He suggested that the UWM ADAAAC Chairs could send a letter to PACDI to support this new position. Susan Wolff moved to have the chairs send this letter and this was agreed upon unanimously by the committee.
3. Accessibility Policy Draft - Committee members offered constructive feedback to a draft of a new policy, the Accessibility Policy for Information Technology. Aura thanked Beth Traylor for her work in creating this Draft policy so that the committee could move forward to another version of the draft. The feedback will be incorporated in a second draft to go out to ADAAAC members before the next ADAAAC meeting. Some changes discussed were:
   * Title to be changed to “Accessibility Policy for Information and Instructional Technology”.
   * Simplify language
   * Encourage all units to create “Accessibility Plans” with suggested deadlines or timelines
   * Encourage use of WAVE accessibility checker (in resources)
   * Add language of “Discipline Specific Technologies”
   * Roll-out of new policy should include workshops to educate campus staff.
   * Include grants (to include accessibility of components)
   * Include purchasing at all levels, and on-demand as well as interval purchasing.
   * Keep language generic and general, but include examples (such as calling out You Tube captioning as not meeting accessibility standards)
   * Keep policy current and “onward evolving”
   * Keep a general policy and then areas that can be addressed by local groups.
   * Include any documentation that comes with purchases.
   * Acknowledge standards for accessibility
4. David Delgado, CETL, provided updates on D2L. There have been some updates to D2L in the last couple of days; An Accessibility Checker from D2L is forthcoming. We are licensed with D2L through June 2020. A new RFP is not concluded. If we do switch to any other new LMS, there will be a 3-year period to allow to migrate. A decision is forthcoming. ADAAAC will be involved in testing anything new to come.
5. Roger Smith offered that the Rehabilitation, Research, Disability and Design Center at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (R2D2 Center) created an archival website for the work of Fred Sammons, a distinguished occupational therapist and inventor of assistive technology. The Fred Sammons Archives were donated in 2014. It is now completely digitized, captioned and audio-described. It can be accessed at fredsammons.org.

\*\*Please look for confirmation of time and place for Summer Meetings, likely July 12th and August 9th.