ADAAAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 17th, 2018

10:00am-11:00am Cunningham 795

**Attendees:**

Jason Anderson, Aura Hirschman, Shannon Aylesworth, Tom Bjornstad, Kari Dawson, Kevin Jahnke, Paul Dupont, Cassie Franklin, Paul Gunderson, Jim Hill, Mark Jacobson, Mary Knasinski, Dev Venugopalan, Roger Smith, Tiffany Thornton, Beth Traylor, Sue Wolff, Karen Wolfert, Mai Yer-Yang.

**1) Approval of last meeting minutes:** No revisions

**2) Note Taker –** Mai Yer-Yang

**3) Announcements:**

* Karen Wolfert reported that construction on Maryland Ave. to install pavement for a new bus stop will begin the week of October 22nd and may last over two weeks depending on weather conditions. The current bus stop will be moved to a new location south of the pedestrian bridge on Maryland Ave and some of the sidewalk may be close.
* Someone asked about the planters by the IRC. Karen answered that they are being looked at to see how to best fix the hazard issue.
* Aura Hirschman reported the following:
  + The Accessibility Resource Center is co-sponsoring a film with Sociocultural Programming tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 17th at 7:00pm in the Union Cinema with free admission. The film, ***4 Wheel Bob*** tells the story of Bob Coomber, the first wheelchair hiker to cross the 11,845-foot Kearsarge Pass in the Sierra Nevada.

Link to the official movie trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vd9rthZ-_Q4>

* + Accessing Higher Ground (Nov. 12th-16th) is a conference on accessible media, web and technology. More information will be available for those who are interested in attending. There are different registration fees for onsite and virtual conference.
* Jason Anderson reported that the Accessibility Resource Center and Career Planning and Resource created a program for students with disabilities who are interested in working in government jobs. They currently have 8 applicants compared to none last year. Mock interviews will begin next week Monday, October 22nd.
* Dev Venugopalan provided an update on the implementation of the campus IT Accessibility Policy. The initial meeting was last week to talk about what is all involved in the implementation process and making sure they are in compliance with the policy. The committee will split into different small groups, each with a different scope area from the Policy to focus on. Each group will be working on a draft which will be combined into one recommendation for the Chancellor.

**4) Presentations:**

* **UWM Web Accessibility: Project Status and Next Actions** - Mark Jacobson, Director of Web and Mobile Services presented on Web Accessibility. The presentation was an update on the UWM web accessibility project which is focuses on public outward facing websites on the uwm.edu sites. The current status and next actions including ongoing considerations was discussed. Campus has a large web footprint with over 900 individual content authors and 50,000 pages with 27,000 documents on them. Mark indicated that most people are not aware that web accessibility is a thing. The plan is to get more people to think about web accessibility when creating their web content. In person and group training has begun with future options to include online training and requiring new WordPress users to take the training before being able to work in WordPress. The PowerPoint slides are attached to the email.
* **Student Mental Health and Well-Being** - Paul Dupont, Counseling Director of Norris Health Center presented on the status of student Mental Health on campus. He focused on the National College Health Data survey and how UWM students compared to the national data. UWM ranked higher than the national data in the number of students who have been diagnosed and treated for Anxiety, Depression as well as those that have seriously attempted suicide. Questions were raised as to why the numbers were higher: number of Veterans on campus, campus providing a safe environment for being open about mental health or other factors. The PowerPoint slides are attached to the email.