**ADAAAC Minutes**

**November 21, 2018**

Attendees: Shannon Aylesworth, Paul Dupont, Aura Hirschman, Kevin Jahnke, Callie Overturf, Kim Pietsch, Barb Simon, Beth Traylor, Dev Venugopalan, Karen Wolfert, Mai Yer Yang.

1. Minutes of October meeting approved.

2. Announcements/General Discussion

* AIRA at the Milwaukee Airport: <http://www.wuwm.com/post/free-technology-help-blind-navigate-milwaukee-airport-other-locations#stream/0> And, it would be lovely if other public spaces could find a way to afford this, including UWM campus. More info is being sought about this.
* Barb Simon, Interim Director of the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) is retiring in November. The committee thanked her for her work and contribution.
* Dev Venugopalan announced the ARC Interim Director Candidate Presentations (November 27-29), and expressed a desire for ADAAAC member attendance and feedback.
* Callie Overturf announced a VA federal resume workshop for federal agency employment (November 27).
* Kevin Jahnke: campus security walk turned up mostly minor issues. If you know of anything major, notify Kevin.
* Accessibility App - Barb Simon: is the campus Accessibility app being used, properly monitored, properly routed to facilities services? It appears this may have dropped through the cracks and is something ADAAAC may want to put on its list of things needing follow up. Tom Piccorelli in Facilities Services was suggested as the appropriate contact regarding routing and monitoring of any information submitted through the app. Karen Wohlfert will follow up with this.

3. Committee Updates

* AT-IT (Kevin Jahnke): Discussion on the Mediasite captioning, and its viability. Other discussions included the workaround for the Mac uploading of Read&Write software for students. ARC received a grant extension and will look at a new magnifying device as well as a thermoform and 3D Printer. Shannon and Aura to visit ABLE for more info. UWM and the associated UW Colleges are beginning to evaluate and coordinate services for assistive technology, licensing needs and purchasing practices.
* PEC (Karen Wolfert): Chemistry and Student Union renovation have been approved to move forward. Klotsche Annex and Engineering are being requested. The Smoke Free campus policy is being rolled out softly. Signs and the movement of ashtrays to the edges of campus will be forthcoming.

4. Accessing Higher Ground (AHG) Conference (with thanks to Shannon for providing her notes). Affiliated with AHEAD (Association on Higher Education and Disability)

and ATHEN (Access Technology Higher Education Network). Shannon attended and noted:

* Virtual conference as well as face-to-face - 25 virtual conference recordings and 18 additional videotaped sessions available on the AHG website. Recordings can be viewed for a fee.
* Hands-On Labs were offered (at the conference)
* Open source and freeware resources were highlighted to convert STEM materials into an accessible format
* Text review options in JAWS and NVDA (screen readers) for users who are deaf/hard of hearing
* Trending Tech Tools:  What’s New, What’s Improved, and What’s on the Horizon
* Making Websites Usable, Not Just Accessible
* Best quote: “Design is not just what it looks like and feels like.  Design is how it works.”
* The Top 10 Grossing eCommerce Websites were graded on an Accessibility Scoreboard:

Amazon – Grade: (C)

Ebay - Grade : (D)

Walmart – Grade: (F)

Apple – Grade: (D)

HomeDepot – Grade: (F)

BestBuy: Grade: (F)

Macys – Grade: (F)

Costco – Grade: (B)

QVC – Grade: (F)

Wayfair – Grade: (F)

* EquatIO Plugin is available for Canvas:  Instructors and students can add mathematical equations, formulas, graphs and more into the Rich Content Editor with a click.  All of EquatIO’s input methods, including Prediction, Handwriting Recognition, Speech, Graphing, and LaTeX, are supported within Canvas LMS, bringing the benefits of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and personalized learning directly into the Canvas environment.

5. Presentation Continuation from Paul DuPont, Counseling Director of Norris Health Center: Student Mental Health and Well-Being - part 2 of Student Mental Health and Well Being. After a brief review of the previous material, this part of the presentation focused on resources, training and prevention. The UWM Norris Health Center page: <https://uwm.edu/norris/> , contains a host of information and resource links. Health Center staff are available to do various presentations to departments in long or short format. The PowerPoint slides will be made available on the ADAAAC Website.