

Accessibility meeting notes May 17, 2019

Attendees:

Rhonda Sample
Mary Ann Keith
Tim Trussler
Jake White
Chelsea Lindquist
Kym Pleger
Agnes Figueroa
Josh Clearman

Excused:

Karrie Zylstra
Al Griswold

Agenda topics

Meeting update – No June meeting, we will meet during the retreat.

360 Convening

Deanne described a good meeting, and gave the context she needed to better understand Accessibility. Tim presented the committee's work and focused on the affinity groups. Learned that our struggles are similar to other colleges and gathered good ideas moving forward, including marketing. Jake was able to meet other webmasters and it was very beneficial. Most colleges have only their webmasters make changes. The grant is coming to a close and the training will also probably come to a close. Bates is the most improved and Tim's presentation to the group was well received. Concern that the support for the statewide initiative is declining or going to zero.

Sonocent

They gave us 35 site licenses to try. Right now, we have 11 staff members who have activated their license. Not getting a lot of buy-in from students. 18 students have been authorized, 6 are using it. Most are from LPN, Civil, Broadcast, and AMA. Disappointed about the level of buy-in, unsure if it was a steep learning curve. Difficulty downloading on the phone. The quality is much better on the phone than the PC. Took about 30 minutes to get there. Without someone to assist the student during installation, it probably wouldn't have occurred. Cost for licenses – for 1,000 users it is \$7,000. For 300 users it is roughly \$4,000. Not a cheap software. Insights showed that unless there is significant support, the software will not be used.

Website preview

Tim assigned a page to everyone, everyone has to complete this by the July meeting to allow faculty to work between the quarters. May be during the retreat.

Retreat

Would like to spend the majority of time creating a five year plan similar to Highline. Specific professional development. Kym needs help due to PTE negotiations and Commencement. Date is June 12th. Located at the Central Campus Library.

Discussion on reaching out to potential speakers. Josh volunteers to reach out to Haluk at UWT. Agnes reaching out to Mark and the other project manager from Highline, Mary Ann is reaching out to a senior software project manager.

Action Plan Review

Work group report outs

Summit

Training

Medical Mile

DeAnne presented tentative plans for the Medical Mile. They have to complete an accessibility check via the state board. More info coming.

Budget

We have roughly \$4,500 in our budget.

Accessibility day and challenge. Bates-centric promotions and challenges. Example, “unplug your mouse for a day” and get a prize. \$10-\$25 dollar. In order for this to occur, we need authorization from the state board that says we can spend the money on these, such as an email from Jess. State guidelines are that gift cards are \$50. Tim volunteers to interface with the Business Office.

Agnes said that there are ways for people to experience disability via special equipment. Headsets for deafness, goggles to simulate blindness.

Suggestion was to purchase the materials now, and have the professional development to the opening day.