ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: 7/18/2025
Time: 10:00am-11:00am
Facilitator: Colin Dory

In Attendance

Colin Dory, Aubrie Swain, Alisha McDonald, Brian Umpstead, Marjorie Rasmussen

1.) Committee Updates

a. **Summer Retreat Postponed** – Due to the time constraints of multiple members, we will revisit the topic of hosting a retreat at a more convenient time.
b. **Clover Park AI/OER Institute** – Clover Park is hosting an online two-day AI+OER event from the 8th to the 9th. The video sessions will be recorded and available to view afterward.
c. **ADA Accessibility Deadline** – Currently the deadline for the new standards to kick in is still April 24th, 2026.
d. **Library Update** – The library is currently working on updating the Accessibility Hub to make sure it still meets the upcoming ADA requirements.

2.) DSS Updates

a. **Inaccessible Textbooks** – A consistent issue is that some third-party vendors are not providing adequate accessible textbooks. Students often do not report issues until after class starts, causing a delay in getting accessible materials. There is not much the committee can do for help, as it requires students to be proactive.
b. **Canvas Accessibility Features** – Many students can be unaware of accessibility features in Canvas. Though instructors are doing a good job of sharing accessibility resources, this is a gap in student knowledge.
    - Colin will implement quarterly announcements of accessibility resources.
c. **Read Aloud Scanners** – Aubrie has several scanner pens that can be used with physical material to read the material out loud for any student who needs it. The library also has a book scanner that will convert a whole book into an accessible text.

3.) Canvas Update

a. Dyslexic Font – Instructure is rolling out the ability for users to switch to a dyslexic-friendly font. To enable it, users will have to click on Account, go to Edit Settings, and find it under the Feature Options list.

4.) Good of the Order

a. The next meeting will be shifted to August 8th to account for the end of Summer Quarter.