**District Access Committee (DAC)**

**Minutes**

**April 22, 2024**

*Attended: Theresa Richmond, Kim Starke, Hank Lankford, Robin McHale, Jennifer Richardson, Kathy Burton, Erin Daniels, Corrine Haverinen, Dana Throckmorton and Paul DeMartini.*

# Housekeeping; Check in; Rumors

* + Committee asked about the status of DAC.
1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes (approved as is)

# Committee Goals for 2023/24

* Implement and Support the Accessibility Capability Maturity Model (ACMM) Or if this gets delayed or postponed)
* Self-Evaluate following ACMM Guidelines
1. **New Business for Discussion and Possible action**
2. Review of Accessibility Software (Corrinne & Paul)
	* Corrinne shared document with the committee that compared various screen reader software options. She explained the differences including cost effectiveness. Theresa asked about who makes the decision on whether to keep or replace. Answer, Distance Ed. However, they probably don’t have enough funding. Discussion continued with pros and cons of the various choices.
	* Committee also discussed the problem of faculty who choose to not make things accessible or wait until the last minute to ask for help. Difficult to keep up with demand. Scanned PDFs are a big issue in addition to handouts that instructors won’t make digital. New ADA regulations that Alternate Media must be available and accessible to all students on Day 1 of courses. This will be challenging.
	* Follow up/To Do: Theresa will reach out to Lisa B. and then to Robert H and lastly Josh A. as he is the lead negotiator for Faculty Negotiations. Then will bring to cabinet for input.
3. Status of DAC (Theresa)
	* Theresa confirmed that DAC is an Advisory Committee that makes recommendations to the District through Theresa. Will continue the discussion about the Committee Structure in the Fall.
4. **old business for discussion and possible action**
* None
1. **meeting recap & PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

*Next meeting – August 26, 2024*