President's Advisory Committee on Disability Issues
November 29, 2018 · 443 Administration Building · 3:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes

Voting members: J. Holladay, M. Miller, Interim Chair, Z. McLaughlin, C. Okolo, C. Owen, S. Stofflet,
Ex-Officio members: K. Elliott, N. Evans, M. McKune, K. Pennock, G. Pierce, Stephen Blosser (M. Hudson),
J. Pedraza, A. Sapp, P. Russell, S. Swierenga
Guests: Sherief Abou El Seoud, MSU IT

In the absence of the chair and vice chair, Interim Chair, Miller convened the meeting at 3:05p with introductions. The minutes of the October meeting and agenda for this meeting were not approved without a quorum.

Presentation of the Reorganization of IT at MSU:

Consolidation of IT at MSU is being done at the request of Interim President Engler. IT Services is working across the university to integrate units into a central IT configuration and UIT; identifying and consolidating core technologies and centralizing them such as email systems into Office 365, work stations and server support into the new Data Center, processes and procedures.

As it relates to web accessibility, MSU will continue its five year plan. Currently, there is no mandatory training on web accessibility, but because the question was raised at the meeting, the topic will be shared with the CIO as something of interest to PACDI recommending it be developed. Now that the technical staff falls under the CIO, IT Services is looking at curriculums and identifying the various components of them.

IT annual goals include seven mandatory annual trainings for IT staff including RVSM, and online security. Discussion of mandatory training on accessibility is important this will be brought to the attention of the CIO.

Is there support for faculty and others beyond the local level in terms of complying with the web accessibility plan? Annual self-reviews give IT Services opportunities to give granular feedback to colleges and units. What happens if units do not meet the expectation? MSU IT provides one-on-one consultation to help units that do not comply.

A goal for integrating core services and creating more base line shared processes into a centralized construct is to free up more time to do more innovative work that differentiates MSU and allows IT to do more work that time did not allow to be done before, and accessibility needs to be on the road map.

Currently, across the board IT Services wants to keep staff local because of familiarity between them and others in their units. What IT Services wants to do, though, is aligning underlying core technology, processes and procedures to increase efficiency overall. No plans are in place to move IT staff.

Concern was raised about certain services offered at MSU are not accessible. Rob McCurdy as the CIO has ultimate responsibility for accessibility of technology; Nate Evans is the subject matter expert in IT Services on accessibility.

After discussion, everyone agreed that there is room for a collaboration between Web Accessibility and PACDI. The Web Accessibility team will share its report with PACDI for feedback.

Update:

- The RVSM subcommittee is scheduled to meet on November 30th and will provide an update at the next meeting.
- The PACDI webpage and I3 website will be upgraded and made accessible.

Announcements:
- K. Luokkala was promoted in ASMSU.
- December 7th is Design Day in Engineering where a radar is being designed to detect oncoming traffic.
- Adaptive Sports Club – designing a wheelchair that can be controlled with feet.
- M. Miller announced a Blind Hockey Team.

The committee discussed the possibility of having a brochure designed that lists resources, events and other assets available at MSU for people with disabilities and have the brochure marketed throughout the university.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.