

**High Tech Center Training Unit
Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, May 10, 2013**

High Tech Center Training Unit of the California Community College @ De Anza

Members Present:

Gaeir Dietrich	HTCTU Director	in person
Scott Berenson	Chancellor's Office Rep	in person
Thad Selmants	Region 2	in person
Roberto Gonzalez	Region 3	in person
Joseph Polizzotto	Region 5	in person
Danielle Westmoreland	Region 1	Teleconference
Kathleen Allen	Region 4	Teleconference
Rick Carnahan	Region 6	Teleconference
Tina Anderson-Wahlberg	Region 7	Teleconference
Palak Patel	Region 8	Teleconference
Linda Pugliese	Region 9	Teleconference
Carl Fielden (Committee Chair)	Region 10	Teleconference
Dr. Janice Emerzian	CAPED Rep	Teleconference
Andrew Blackwelder	Student Senate Rep	Teleconference

Also Present Were:

Laurie Vasquez	ETAC Rep	Teleconference
Jayne Johnson	HTCTU Faculty	in person
Jasper Haze	HTCTU Secretary	in person

Members Absent:

Jeff Baugher	ATPC Rep
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Gaeir Dietrich called the meeting to order at 10:15am. Thad Selmants motioned to approve the January 25, 2013 minutes which was seconded and carried. Jasper Haze, HTCTU secretary, recorded the minutes.

Old Business

Sidekick

The Sidekick webpage will exhibit links to all the grant funded programs that are run by the chancellor's office. The site is intended to inform those of the educational resources available to them and to provide them with the tools that will enable them to inform and assist students with disabilities. The webpage should be released by the beginning of the fall semester.

Veterans Survey

The second year of this three year survey has been completed. Dr. Wayne Miller and his team held focus groups with staff members who work with veterans and with student veterans to collect data on how best to serve the needs of student veterans. The goal is to come up with a best practices model on how to effectively instruct student veterans.

Sponsoring non-DSPS staff members

As a reminder, the HTCTU will reimburse the travel of non DSPS staff members who attend our trainings as long as they are sponsored by the DSPS director at their campus. Please keep in mind we only reimburse one DSPS member and one non DSPS member per campus per training.

ETAC UPDATE—Laurie Vasquez Reported

DIAGRAM CENTER - <http://diagramcenter.org/>

DIAGRAM stands for Digital Image And Graphic Resources for Accessible Materials. It is a resource and development center whose goal is to change the way image and graphic content is produced and accessed so that students with print disabilities are provided equal access to the general education curriculum.

Distance Education Initiative - 2013-2014 budget

Online education coordination and access: \$16.5

million. <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/PolicyInAction/KeyFacts.aspx>

Distance Education Initiative

The proposed California Community College Online Initiative is a multi-faceted system-wide distance education delivery program designed to improve the access, retention, degree completion, time to degree, and transfer of community college students, while concurrently reducing costs of attendance for students and costs of delivery for colleges. -

http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/ExecutiveOffice/Board/2013_agendas/march/3_8_online_education.pdf

Distance Education Key

Facts http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/KeyFacts/FACT_SHEET_DistanceEducation_FINAL_030513.pdf

New Business

Hathi Trust Case

The Hathi Trust provides digital texts to the blind and the print disabled and because of this the Author's Guild brought a suit against the Hathi Trust for copyright infringement; however, since the authors themselves did not own the rights to the books they had no legal standing. This case brought out important discussions on what constitutes "fair use", what constitutes an "authorized entity", and what requirements satisfy the use of the Chafee Amendment Act. The judge found that digitizing to create equal access to copyrighted information is "fair use" under copyright law.

ATPC Update—Gaeir Dietrich reported on behalf of Jeff Baugher

The ATPC is moving closer to the home campus in San Bernardino, CA. They are currently looking for a new E-text manager, Braille manager, and ATPC director. And as always, please get your orders in as soon as you can.

Director/Alternate Media Update—Gaeir Dietrich reported

E-book Readers

The new Alternate Media for E-book Readers training focuses solely on E-book readers and creating alternate media for those devices. This training will describe the most common e-book readers, survey which readers open which file formats, and explain how to transfer files onto the readers.

The Shift to Mainstreaming

It has become very clear that the DSPS departments cannot be the only ones concerned with accessibility. The whole campus must be on board when it comes to accessibility. Campuses should not be allowed to require technology that does not accommodate all students, which is why there ought to be a policy in place that states *you cannot acquire it if you cannot accommodate it*. As a whole, we need to start taking steps toward impacting policy with regards to accessibility.

Balabolka and Non Visual Desktop Access (NVDA)

These two programs are incredibly helpful and they are free! It is highly recommended that every computer lab have these programs loaded onto them. Balabolka is a document reader program and NVDA is a screenreader. Though NVDA is not a complete replacement for JAWS, it allows the student to get onto the computer, surf the internet, check mail, and access documents.

Chancellor's Office Update—Scott Berenson reported

They are trying to work on a system wide purchase of SmartPens, but progress has been slow. Another project they are working on is trying to get George Visger to speak at veteran centers throughout the state. Mr. Visger is a retired football player who played for the 49ers and now gives speeches on overcoming brain injury. One of the goals is to get veterans to connect better with the DSPS and embrace what the DSPS has to offer them. The DECT grant has been renewed and is staying at the College of the Canyons.

HTCTU Activities Update—Jayme Johnson reported

Compliance Sheriff

The user base for Compliance Sheriff is continuing to build. As of right now, we have 20 users from 14 different locations across the state. We encourage all who are interested in joining this user base to contact Jayme.

Policy Sheriff SP for SharePoint Services

There has been zero response from the California community colleges with regard to applying for one of these licenses. If you are a campus who uses SharePoint and would like a Policy Sheriff license please get in touch with Jayme.

TAIM Project

The installation and configuration of this project is in process. This conversion system is still in the prototype stage. Interface design will begin later on.

Atomic Learning

Due to little interest and poor usage, we've decided to discontinue this service.

Regional Updates

- Region 1—Danielle Westmoreland reported
 - They have replaced out dated equipment and are moving forward with their summer IT project to install and replace programs which will further accessibility and provide more student autonomy.
- Region 2—Thad Selmants—No report
- Region 3—Roberto Gonzalez reported
 - City College of San Francisco laid-off their alternate media specialist.
- Region 4—Kathleen Allen—No report
- Region 5—Joseph Polizzotto reported
 - Taft College has an effective partnership with their local court reporting program which allows persons who are training to become courtroom transcribers to caption Taft's in house captioning requests.
- Region 6—Rick Carnahan reported
 - Working on ways to get funding back.
- Region 7—Tina Anderson-Wahlberg—No report
- Region 8—Palak Patel reported
 - They are in the process of upgrading their assistive technology programs. They are particularly excited about being able to upgrade their Kurzweil from v.11 to v.13.
- Region 9—Linda Pugliese—No report
- Region 10—Carl Fielden reported
 - The region has seen some new hires: two learning disabilities specialists and one alternate media assistant.

- CAPED Update—Dr. Janice Emerzian reported
 - The next CAPED conference will be in Garden Grove, CA on October 14-16, 2013.
The deadline to submit convention proposals is May 31, 2013.
- Student Senate Rep—Andrew Blackwelder—No report

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 4:55pm

Next meeting set for **Friday, October 4, 2013**