



Truckee Meadows Community College

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

## MEETING NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2016

From 3-4 p.m.

**Members present:** Jay Jorgenson, Thomas Kearns, Felicia Nichols, Brandy Scarnati

**Guests:** SGA representatives David Misner, Mailyynn Santacruz

- David Misner presented the TMCC SGA resolution pertaining to ADA accommodations for students that was approved by SGA to be presented to Dr Hilgerson. SGA is requesting that the resolution be presented to BOR in the Dec meeting.
- ADA Checklist that was approved by the CRC committee and subsequently by Faculty Senate was discussed. Concerns were raised that some resistance from faculty will likely occur. The checklist is not mandatory except for new or courses or course revisions going through CRC committee. It is more of a guideline to demonstrate to faculty how to make their courses accessible. Concerns were raised that if 100% of faculty actually made 100% of their videos accessibly captioned, that Web College might not be able to handle the load with current staffing.
- **UDOIT in Canvas:** will be a tool similar to the ADA Checklist where faculty can make their courses more accessible themselves within Canvas. Will be rolled out for Spring 2017.
- **Accessibility Audit:** As proposed by the committee last spring and audit should be undertaken to discover where TMCC is currently compliant with accessibility. It is understood and will be communicated that many areas/departments will have accessibility issues, but that identifying those should not have a punitive component, but rather emphasize that assistance from the DRC will be available to help department become compliant. Multiple emails could be sent out with short explanations on how to make certain aspects of courses more accessible, always with offers for assistance from DRC. An audit format is being developed which will include a checkbox for "This department needs assistance from the DRC.
- **Liaisons with departments:** Department chairs or their appointees should have open communications with DRC for accessibility issues. (see Barb Painter for dept head lists).