The Committee Members present were: Sarah McAbee, Rodney Stephens, Omar Smith, Ashley McLeroy, Lisa Philippart, Jean Martin, Saralyn Mitchell, Jerry Bradford, Suzanne Sims, Steve Clark, Janet Dornning

Guest: Belinda Krigel- (Chair) Accessible Technology and Information Committee

Minutes: The minutes for the November 9, 2016 meeting will be reviewed online and corrected/revised.

I. Welcome & Introductions
II. Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2015 Fall meeting
III. Statistics Report - Jean
   a. 94 students were approved during the fall semester (49-Arts & Science, 22-College of Business, 23-College of Education)
   b. 140 students applied for Accommodations
   c. 190 Accommodation letters were sent out in Fall 2016
   d. Assisted Technology remained stagnant
   e. Note-taking software was the biggest improvement
IV. Barriers Report - Saralyn
   a. Free standing Desks were moved to classrooms because students that were obese had difficulty with desks attached to chairs
   b. Elevator access is too far away from some accessible parking at Waters
   c. Students who have seizures were moved to different classrooms due to lighting problems in the Classroom Building
   d. Student on crutches was unable to open doors at Redstone Arsenal (no automatic opener) and it was a long distance from an elevator
V. Workforce Recruitment Program - Jean
   a. WRP has shown great success for students with disabilities gaining employment
   b. Students are interviewed by federal recruiters for internships (GS-paid)
   c. 18 students were interviewed, 16 positions were offered, 2 declined, and 16 were extended for permanent positions Summer 2016
VI. Community Involvement and Visibility - Jean
   a. Presented at disability awareness month event (SMDC) on the arsenal
   b. 2016 Spring graduate presented at Arsenal (SMDC.) WRP helped him with employment that he would not have received otherwise.
   c. DS & CS (Career Services) attended & were recognized at Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services Governor Committee Awards event in 2015 & 2016. DS attended Career Fair for students/graduates with disabilities held at UAH. Many connections were made with employers.
d. ADRS held functions at Athens State for students

VIII. Accessible Technology & Information Committee – Belinda Krigel
   a. Last ADA meeting an Action was established to form a sub-committee to research accessibility needs on campus
   b. Accessibility and info Ad Hoc committee established Summer 2016; met in September 2016
   c. Looked at immediate needs (web accessibility)
   d. Focused on Accessible Technology

IX. Possible Captioning Solution – Steve Clark
   a. Docsoft – hardware appliance listens for videos
   b. Automatically transcribes video
   c. Ability to be trained (Dragon Speak) by each professor
   d. Ability to correct words (knows pronunciation of each professor)
   e. Able to transcribe on website, YouTube, etc.
   f. Looking to transfer Tegrity straight into Docsoft
   g. Helps learning for more than just students with disabilities
   h. Students are able to take videos with them after they leave Athens State
   i. Recommendations to Dr. Glenn by January

X. Alternate Text Request – Jean
   a. From SP16 to FA 16 DS received 67 requests for Alt texts – 31 were denied due to alt texts being unavailable
   b. Some Professors recorded themselves reading the book for those that were not accessible
   c. Bookshare, Accesstext, learning ally and some publishers are resources used for alternate text

XI. Accessible Parking – Jerry Bradford
   a. Students unable to see parking spaces because paint has worn off
   b. Need good access passes to get across street
   c. Need pads before walking into street
   d. Campus center parking needs work
   e. Waters and Classroom Building are high priority for accessible parking marking and revision

XII. Accessible Parking other locations – Saralyn
   a. Only 2 accessible spaces on phase 1 and 2 in Decatur – long distance from elevator in phase 1 and entrance in phase 2 – once main campus is addressed these locations will be researched

XIII. Next meeting will be in Spring 2017

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 2:50