

ADA COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Implementation Plan of ADA Yearly Goals (Discussion)

- **Improve Accessibility Purchasing Program:** The discussion started with chair Thomas Kearns talking about the purpose of the goal of improving the accessibility purchasing program. He pointed out that if we don't have an efficient accessibility purchasing program up and running, it will, in the long run, cause accessible and access damage not only to TMCC students with disabilities but to all students. Thomas outlined that a flaw has developed in keeping track of Voluntary Product Accessibility Templates (VPAT) and Accessibility Conformance Reports (ACR). A Zoom screen share of the Academic Software Request Form showed that the Pre-Information part of the Academic Software Request Form encouraged all requestees to fill out the Pre-Purchase Accessibility Checker request form. Thomas explained that the pre-purchasing form is designed to help all requestees of software destined to be used at TMCC assure that the software or hardware used would have a VPAT or ACR. In this way, TMCC would be living up to its obligation as indicated by TMCC Content Accessibility policy 3522, which is also required by the NSHE Disability Accessibility policies. Thomas continued to explain, unfortunately, that not only was the pre-purchasing form not used in two years, but it added to the unverifiable aspect that users were qualifying their software as accessible. Thomas finished by saying this is putting TMCC in a very vulnerable situation.

Add Testing Rooms RDMT 122 Project: It was announced that TMCC would build the testing rooms starting in the summer of 2022.

Old Business (Discussion)

- **Charter:** Thomas Kearns mentioned to the committee that the new ADA Committee Charter posting is awaiting President Hilgersom's charter approval. Updates will be reported at the next meeting.

New Business

- **Next Meeting Date (Discussion):** It was decided that the last meeting for 21-22 year would be March 25, 2022. UPDATE: March 25 meeting was Canceled. The new date is April 8, 2022.