

**High Tech Center Training Unit
Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, June 06, 2014**

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

Members Present:

Gaeir Dietrich	HTCTU Director	in person
Scott Berenson	Chancellor's Office Rep	Teleconference
Thad Selmants	Region 2	Teleconference
Roberto Gonzalez	Region 3	Teleconference
Kathleen Allen	Region 4	Teleconference
Joseph Polizzotto	Region 5	Teleconference
Rick Carnahan	Region 6	Teleconference
Carl Fielden (Committee Chair)	Region 10	in person
Dr. Janice Emerzian	CAPED Rep	in person

Also Present Were:

Laurie Vasquez	ETAC Rep	Teleconference
Renee Clark	BAUM USA	in person
Jasper Haze	HTCTU Admin Asst.	in person

Members Absent:

Danielle Westmoreland	Region 1	Absent
Tina Anderson-Wahlberg	Region 7	Absent
TBA	Region 8	Absent
Linda Pugliese	Region 9	Absent
Jeff Baugher	ATPC Rep	Absent
Charles Stevens	Student Senate Rep	Absent

The Committee Chairman, Carl Fielden, called the meeting to order at 10:04am. The February 07, 2014 minutes were amended to include the following: 1. *The CAPED Legal Workshop with Paul Grossman and Gaeir Dietrich took place on Friday, May 30, 2014 at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley, CA.* 2. *The CAPED Convention 2014 begins on October 11, 2014.* Carl Fielden motioned to approve the amended minutes of February 07, 2014 which was seconded and carried. Jasper Haze, HTCTU Admin Asst., recorded the minutes.

Old Business

Jayne Johnson is now officially working 100 percent for the Online Education Initiative grant. The High Tech Center Training Unit is looking to hire an Access Technology Specialist and a Web/Digital Media Specialist. Instead of faculty positions Gaeir Dietrich is considering making them classified staff positions. This would mean the trainers would be working year round at 40 hours a week on a semester schedule. Also, by making it a classified position a Master's degree is no longer required to apply which will widen the applicant pool.

Gaeir Dietrich and Cheryl Pruitt will conduct an Accessibility Sprint at this year's AHEAD 2014 Conference in Sacramento, CA. The purpose of this Sprint is to bring people together who are interested and committed to coming up with and implementing ways to move accessibility forward into the mainstream.

The Sidekick project has created flyers to be distributed at various educational events in order to create awareness and promote use of the Sidekick website www.toolsthatinspire.com. The Sidekick team is wanting feedback regarding any FAQs or other resources users might want when visiting

the Sidekick website. Please send your feedback to Scott Valverde at svalverde@cccoco.edu To read the press release of the Sidekick portal please [click here](#).

The High Tech Center Training Unit is still in need of a Region 8 representative to join their Advisory Committee Board. If you know of someone who may be interested please have them be in contact with Jasper Haze at jhaze@htctu.net

New Business

The AHEAD Conference will take place in Sacramento, CA this year on July 14-19, 2014. Gaeir Dietrich has been reelected to the AHEAD Board for another two years.

The California ADA Professionals Association invited Gaeir Dietrich to conduct a webinar on Friday June 20, 2014. Admission is free. She will be presenting on Section 504 and 508.

Cheryl Pruitt, Gaeir Dietrich, WebAIM, Rutgers, and W3C are working together on creating free instructional videos for faculty and staff to learn how to make accessible materials. Gaeir Dietrich will keep you up to date on their progress.

Gaeir Dietrich is now on the Equity Action Council for De Anza College and an Equal Opportunity representative for hiring committees at De Anza College.

The CSU system and the High Tech Center Training Unit have been exploring the idea of taking their collaboration further. Some ideas are to merge the CAM database and the AMX database together, provide site visits to the CSU campuses, provide training at the HTCTU for CSU faculty and staff, and possibly to have the CSUs cover the cost of a new accessibility trainer.

Cupertino Inn is now charging for their limousine service. This service is only complimentary within a 3 miles radius of the hotel including rides to the High Tech Center Training Unit. San Jose Airport limousine transportation is now at a charge of \$20 per person (one way) and is on a first come, first served basis.

California Community College Chancellor's Office

Scott Berenson reported that the FB1369 bill, sponsored by CAPED, was an attempt to fund student success activities in which DSPS staff were going to have to participate. In addition, the bill requires that funding set aside in statute for Program Assessment and Development Services be used to fund program reviews of 18-20 colleges per year on a 6 year cycle. The proposed reviews will include peer, contractor and Chancellor's Office (CO) staff, but the CO is currently insufficiently staffed to handle this additional responsibility so the CO will ask for 2 extra positions to cover them in a Budget Change Proposal to the Department of Finance if the bill passes. If this is unsuccessful, the Chancellor's Office may hire a Community College District selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) as a subcontractor and Fiscal Agent to organize and staff activities such as team selection, preparation, travel reimbursement, report editing, corrective actions and follow up, and responses to college requests for report rebuttals and edits. The bill is currently in committee so it is not certain whether it will become law.

The Online Education Initiative is moving forward quickly. Jayme Johnson will be staffing the OEI and is responsible to address the accessibility of the system among other things. The HTCTU will be adding 2 staff to back fill and take on other responsibilities which Gaeir will discuss in her report.

The CO is continuing to work with regulations and proceeding with DSPS allocation formula review. Amended regulations include new eligibility categories for Autism, ADHD and Blindness/Low Vision and will no longer have speech and language as a discrete category. They will also have some

new nomenclature (intellectual disability instead of Developmentally Delayed Learner) (Accommodations Plan instead of Student Education Contract) and will require one contact per semester attended instead of 4 contacts per year for funding. Finally, the regulations requirement for a DSPS coordinator to attend to defined day to day activities has been beefed up while falling short of specifically requiring a full time coordinator. While there is a lot of support for requiring a full time coordinator in the field this provision is so strongly opposed by the CSSOs, CBOs and CEOs, CO staff feels it would endanger approval of the entire regulations package if it were included, hence the compromise day to day operations language. The new regulations will be submitted for review by the CO consultation counsel and then the Board of Governors probably in September.

The allocations will be behind that after the CO has had time to review the cost data from this summer's file review results from 13 representative colleges. These were selected by the CO contractor Research Triangle Institute (RTI) who will also compile the data and recommend new weights in our weighted student count for all of the eligibility categories including the new 3 established in the amended regulations. We will also be conducting simulations to see what effect decreasing the guarantee from 95% to 90% and/or less in subsequent years of DSPS student decreases. We will also consider increasing the amount of compensation for college effort from 10% to something higher. These decisions will be vetted before the allocations committee and constituent groups once we have more data to discuss in the coming fall.

The Smart Pen 10% discount has been signed off by the CO and is available now through the College Buys program at the Foundation for California Community Colleges. [Please see the attached flier.](#) The Discount agreement with Livescribe allows it to provide smartpens and accessories at a discounted price exclusively for California Community Colleges. Special discounted pricing is available to students, faculty, staff, and colleges/college programs (such as DSPS, Veterans, etc.) Livescribe smartpens and accessories change the way notes are accessed and shared by synchronizing handwritten notes with recorded audio, making it easier to study and review lectures, notes, and discussions. Please share the attached flier to your colleges, students, faculty, and staff. To learn more about Livescribe smartpens, visit www.livescribe.collegebuys.org or email collegebuys@foundationccc.org. Enjoy a great product at a great discount!

Please find [The Neural Pathfinder Project](#) description with screen shots to show you how this game inspired computer software brain exercise program works to increase short term memory, executive function, and academic performance across different environments. The CO is working with Dr. Anthony Chen from the Martinez Veteran's Administration Hospital and UCSF and looking for colleges to voluntarily pilot this project in veteran's centers or programs for students with Acquired Brain Injury. Ultimately, the program may have broader uses consistent with universal learning design principles in assisting students with Learning disabilities, whether identified or not, ADHD, or basic skills students. All of these groups of students are theorized to have short term memory, executive function and academic performance deficits that this program purports to address. The CO would like to get some data regarding how effective it is in raising grade point averages for student who use it. Past products considered (Cogmed, Luninosity) have not shown transferability from the gaming environment to the classroom.

ETAC/Distance Education
[Report from Laurie Vasquez](#)

High Tech Center Training Unit Activities

There are two upcoming Braille boot camps in southern California. August 12-14, 2014 @ Orange County Braille Institute and August 19-21, 2014 @ Los Angeles Braille Institute.

Mobility International USA assists with the mobility impaired in international travel. For students who are interested in travelling abroad refer them to their website at www.miusa.org

Gaeir Dietrich is available and willing to give Section 504/508 presentations at your campus. To schedule a presentation please contact Jasper Haze at jhaze@htctu.net

BAUM USA Presentation

Regional sales manager, Renee Clark, gave the Board a demo of their portable CCTV VisoBook S. For more information please visit their website at www.baumusa.com or email Renee Clark at rclark@baumusa.com

Regional Updates

- Region 1—Danielle Westmoreland—no report
- Region 2—Thad Selmants—
 - His colleagues have questions and concerns regarding Braille and MathML requests to the ATPC. Their response time seems to be frequently slow.
- Region 3—Roberto Gonzalez—
 - There is concern that the HTCTU is not responding in a timely manner. While it's understandable that the HTCTU is currently under staffed perhaps an announcement of how the HTCTU intends to move forward or even how it can help in other ways might be a good idea.
- Region 4—Kathleen Allen—
 - Her colleagues have been overwhelmed with the Student Success & Support Program guidelines. Her region had a Livescribe Pen training with Stacey Kayden that went very well and was much appreciated.
- Region 5—Joseph Polizzotto—
 - In March 2014 his region had a successful directors meeting in which Gaeir Dietrich and Steve Maciel were presenters. Jeff Ross recently retired as the DSPS coordinator at Taft College. Taft College's high tech center has purchased new computers.
- Region 6—Rick Carnahan—
 - His region met up to discuss the gray areas of captioning requirements (i.e. classes where deaf/HOH students do not participate), the resistance to subscription models of software licensing, and replacing JAWS with Widnow-Eyes and NVDA.
- Region 7—Tina Anderson-Wahlberg—no report
- Region 8—TBA
- Region 9—Linda Pugliese—no report
- Region 10—Carl Fielden—no report
- ATPC Update—Jeff Baugher—no report
- CAPED Update—Dr. Janice Emerzian—
 - The CAPED Legal Workshop at the Ed Roberts Campus on May 30, 2014 was very successful and well attended. There will be another one schedule as a preconference at the CAPED Convention 2014 on Saturday, October 11th in Santa Clara, CA.
- Student Senate Rep—Charles Stevens—no report

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 4:02pm

Next meeting set for **Friday, September 19, 2014**