Digital Accessibility Conference

Monday, March 9, 2020

- Fargo – NDSCS – Fargo Campus, 1305 19th Ave N., Room 190 or
- Bismarck – Bismarck State College, NECE Room 335

8:45 Registration Check-in

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mark Hagerott, NDUS Chancellor
Margaret Dahlberg, Valley City State University Vice President for Academic Affairs

9:15-10:15 Keynote: Campus Planning for Digital Accessibility
This session will provide an overview of the core tenets of digital accessibility planning and management. It will examine the elements of the 4-Ps: People, Policy, Plan, and Praxis as a model for institution’s digital accessibility framework.

Angela Jackson, University of South Dakota Online Program Manager, Center for Teaching and Learning

10:15-10:30 Break – all sites

10:30-11:15 Campus Planning at Valley City State University
Building from the previous session, VCSU will provide an overview of the progress they have made with their institution’s digital accessibility master planning.

Joe Tykwinski, Valley City State University Chief Information Officer

11:15-12:00 Faculty Training for Digital Accessibility
The University of South Dakota has developed a digital accessibility course that trains faculty in identifying digitally accessible course materials.

Angela Jackson, University of South Dakota Online Program Manager, Center for Teaching and Learning

12:00-12:45 Lunch provided at all sites
Fargo – NDSCS Room 116
Bismarck – NECE Room 431

12:45-1:30 Legal Briefing on Digital Accessibility Policy, 1203.1
The NDUS legal team will break down the digital accessibility policy and what it means to your institution.

Eric Olson, Legal Counsel, NDUS Assistant Attorney General
Chris Pieske, Legal Counsel, NDUS Assistant Attorney General
1:30-2:00  **Web Design for Digital Accessibility**
This session will focus on practices and tools for public facing websites. It will include information on digital accessibility design, assistive technologies and compliance audit tools.
  
  *Kelicia Christianson, Web Designer & Developer, University of North Dakota*

2:00-2:40  **Procurement Principles for Digital Accessibility**
Future acquisitions of digital technology will need to meet digital accessibility standards. This session will provide pertinent information ranging from requests for proposals, contracts, or other service arrangements for the acquisition of digital technologies. It will also include procedural options for waiving the digital accessibility requirements.
  
  *Dirk Huggett, Assistant Chief Information Officer, Core Technology Services, North Dakota University System*

2:40-2:50  **Break**

2:50-3:30  **Accessibility in the Digital Workplace**
The digital accessibility policy impacts all aspects of campus life. From hiring new employees, to business office procedures, to departmental office practices, all electronic information falls under the digital accessibility policy. This session provides a primer on accessibility in the digital workplace.
  
  *Patti Heisler, Collaborative Learning Manger, Core Technology Services, North Dakota University System*

3:30-4:30  **Digital Accessibility Issues Across the Upper Midwest: Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) Panel Discussion**
Panelists from across the region will discuss Digital Accessibility in their states: progress, lessons learned, and challenges ahead. Also, resources and support materials that might be available to assist institutions in this area.
  
  *Deb Kidwell, Midwest Higher Education Compact*  
  *Eric Mosterd, University of South Dakota*  
  *Marty Mark, University of Northern Iowa*  
  *Shannon R. Aylesworth, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*  
  *Gregory Kalan, Pittsburg State University*