CSU Accessible Technology Initiative
Fall Conference
CSU Policy and Initiatives

- Executive Order 926
  - *It is the policy of the CSU to make information technology resources and services accessible to all CSU students, faculty, staff and the general public regardless of disability.*

- Coded Memo AA 2007-04
  - *Information Technology Resources and Services*
  - Phased implementation over 5 years (by 2012)
  - Focus on Three Priorities: Web Accessibility, Instructional Materials, Procurement
Overall Change in Perspective

- Accommodation vs. Access
  - *Shifting from reactive to proactive approach*
  - *THEN … Accommodate Individual Needs*
  - *NOW … Think B4U Buy, Design, Teach*

- Universal Design: Electronic Curbcuts
  - *Removing barriers to achieve equal access to E&IT products and services used to deliver instruction and information*
Expectations

■ Concentrate on making new course materials and content accessible first

■ Redesign don’t retrofit existing websites and course materials wherever possible

■ Include accessibility review in product research and vendor discussions, e.g., ask about Section 508, VPAT; involve technical staff in purchasing decisions

■ Not everything can be made accessible! Exceptions are possible but departments must still make accommodations

■ Make good faith effort to demonstrate yearly progress

■ ITS will continue to identify tools and provide online training and support to facilitate campus compliance
Instructional Materials

■ Timeline
  - **Today:** Timely identification and delivery of accessible print materials, e.g., textbooks and course packs
  - **Today:** Accessibility incorporated in new courses and new course content
  - **Fall 2012:** Instructional materials and websites for all course offerings are accessible

■ Actions Required
  - Complete the Access by Design: Faculty Awareness Training Program and related survey on BlackBoard this quarter
  - Use available resources to learn more about universal design, accessibility, document creation, etc.
  - Complete a simple checklist for applicable E&IT purchases
  - Meet established deadlines for textbook adoption
  - Submit questions to accessibility@calpoly.edu
Instructional Materials

Resources

- Online Faculty Adoption System to identify textbooks by the stated deadline
- Library Electronic Course Reserves
- Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops and Support
- Faculty Checklist on http://accessibility.calpoly.edu with links to online tutorials and other resources
- Site-licensed software for making documents accessible
- Off-Campus Captioning Services (low-cost yet timely)
- BlackBoard Support for creating an accessible syllabus, etc.
- New Course Proposal review and approval process
- Disability Resource Center for assistance with students
- ITS to clarify/interpret policy and consider exceptions
Web Accessibility

- **Timeline**
  - **Today:** All new and significantly redesigned administrative websites, applications and content comply
  - **May 2009:** All administrative websites critical to institutional success comply, including college and department sites
  - **May 2012:** Faculty and course websites and digital content posted online are accessible

- **Resources**
  - Web Authoring Resource Center ([http://warc.calpoly.edu](http://warc.calpoly.edu))
  - Compliance Process Guide (for evaluating sites)
  - AccRepair (software tool for evaluating and repairing sites)
  - Cal Poly Template (meets CSU accessibility requirements)
  - Web Content Management System (currently being piloted)
E&IT Procurement

- **E&IT Products Covered**
  - Telecommunications, Self-Contained Products, Multimedia, Web Sites and Applications, Hardware, Software
  - Exceptions are possible, e.g., accessible product doesn’t exist, product must be fundamentally altered to comply, etc.

- **Timeline**
  - **Today:** E&IT acquisitions exceeding $15,000 are reviewed
  - **Sept. 2009:** E&IT acquisitions exceeding $2,500 reviewed
  - **Sept. 2010:** E&IT acquisitions less than or equal to $2,500 are reviewed
  - **Today:** Software purchases exceeding $5,000 TCO reviewed
  - Vendors must submit a completed “VPAT” form; additional testing and evaluation for compliance may be required
Questions?

■ For More Information
  – Cal Poly Accessibility Website
    http://accessibility.calpoly.edu
  – Cal Poly Access by Design Faculty Checklist
    http://accessibility.calpoly.edu/instmaterials/faculty_checklist.html
  – Cal Poly Software Decision Policy and Process
    http://security.calpoly.edu/policies/sw_dec_process.html
  – CSU Accessible Technology Initiative Website
    http://calstate.edu/accessibility

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