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# CSU Accessible Technology Initiative Fall Conference

# CSU Policy and Initiatives

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- 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

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- 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

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- *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

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- 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](mailto:accessibility@calpoly.edu)

# Instructional Materials

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## ■ 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

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## ■ 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>)
- 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

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- 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?

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- 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](http://accessibility.calpoly.edu/instmaterials/faculty_checklist.html)
- Cal Poly Software Decision Policy and Process  
[http://security.calpoly.edu/policies/sw\\_dec\\_process.html](http://security.calpoly.edu/policies/sw_dec_process.html)
- CSU Accessible Technology Initiative Website  
<http://calstate.edu/accessibility>

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