

## ATI Newsletter, Vol. 1, Issue 3

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### ATI General News:

**Staff News:** We have some staffing changes to announce. Wayne Dick, who has been working with the ATI at the CO for over two years, will return to full-time faculty status at the Computer Engineering and Computer Sciences Department at CSU Long Beach on June 1. We know that Wayne will continue to be involved in ATI at Long Beach, and we're very glad that he's so close to us here in Long Beach. Wayne has had an enormous impact on web accessibility and instructional materials accessibility, and has been rather cheerful about working late into the night or over a weekend to meet a deadline.

Joan Van Duzer, Instructional Technologist from Humboldt State, has agreed to let us have some of her time over the summer to assist in designing the ATI Moodle communication tool that we plan to use for system-wide ATI work. She will also be available, if needed, to assist with the design of training resources.

Penny Peterson, Assistive Technology Expert at CSU Long Beach, will be working for us on a part-time basis over the next fiscal year to assist with the development of training materials and resources, conduct accessibility testing, and related work.

**CMS Accessibility:** The PeopleSoft Central Management System team at the CO have issued an RFP looking for an outside consultant to assess the accessibility of the PeopleSoft product that the CO issues to the campuses. Three firms have applied, and their proposals will be reviewed in June. Once a consultant is selected, it will take several months for a full accessibility review to be conducted.

### ATI is seeking a faculty member to work half-time on web access/software access

What's the job?

- Technological leadership – review, design, consulting of technological aspects of the ATI
- Campus outreach – web training – outreach to faculty regarding accessibility of technology

We are looking for someone who is:

- A good teacher, preferably having received teaching awards
- Involved in University level governance
- Interested in social applications of computing
- Well-versed in web development, including modern technologies such as XML based
- Involved in community service learning
- Tenured or tenure track faculty member, or a full time lecturer with several years of service

- Familiar with basic principles of accessibility, with a desire to develop expertise

Interested persons should send an email to Deborah Kaplan, [dkaplan@calstate.edu](mailto:dkaplan@calstate.edu)

### 508 Procurement News:

**Summer Plans:** The ATI plans to showcase successful procurement team and process models during the summer months. In June, we will survey campuses to find those that self-define as having achieved some success. We will follow-up with these campuses by conducting interviews with each. We will write a report on our findings, identifying specific model approaches, writing a profile of each campus and appending relevant documents. This plan will be disseminated in August.

We also plan to create a system-wide solutions forum, taking place during the monthly Procurement Community of Practice calls (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m.) and on the Procurement CoP listserv. Our goal is to develop an ongoing discussion activity for campuses to focus on specific challenges in implementing 508 procurement. During each month, we will define specific challenges, pose different scenarios, and define possible solutions, new processes, and alternatives. We will develop an archive of email's and discussion notes for each question.

### Access to Instructional Materials News:

**iTunes U update:** Apple's Sally Patchen is holding regular conference calls with CSU campuses involved in iTunes U pilot projects to discuss what's being learned about accessibility implementation. For more info, contact [jwells@calstate.edu](mailto:jwells@calstate.edu). Apple has also agreed to have CSU ATI representatives review its upcoming revise of iTunes for accessibility. We are looking for CSU employees who are subject matter experts in accessibility and Apple.

### Center for Accessible Media (CAM) News:

CAM staff are actively involved in development of fixes and enhancements. This month, they rolled out a major round of accessibility and feature improvements. More improvements will be made on a regular basis over the summer months.

### Web Accessibility News:

**CalWAC 09:** Next year's Web Accessibility Conference, co-hosted by Cal State Long Beach, Knowbility and the ATI, will take place in January at Cal State Long Beach. More conference details will be posted later. Additional CalWAC sponsors are being solicited now. If you have suggestions, please send them to [dkaplan@calstate.edu](mailto:dkaplan@calstate.edu).

### Training News:

**The Results Are In:** Special thank to all campuses who submitted their Accessible Training material for the ATI CSU Accessible Training Survey. Those campuses who have not responded are Cal Maritime, Channel Islands, Dominguez Hills, Fullerton, and Northridge. If you want your ATI training included please send your survey to [jwells@calstate.edu](mailto:jwells@calstate.edu). The results of the survey will be posted after they are evaluated in June.

**Web Accessibility Training to Go Live:** The Chancellor's Office has purchased a license from Lynda.com for their training on Web Accessibility. It will be available later in June for 100 concurrent

users. It is currently being tested for functionality and it's looking very good. Please watch this newsletter for the announcement of its full release.

**CSU and CCC's Join Forces:** The ATI is currently meeting with the High Tech Center Training Unit to develop a combined effort toward the creation of online training that is modular and available to both the CSU and Community College Systems. Our first cooperative pilot project will be with Sean Keegan and PDF Accessibility Training. In addition, an instructional designer and campus studio will be hired to produce this project.

**Faculty Spotlights Needed:** Please nominate any faculty from your school who has done an amazing job in making their courses more accessible. We are looking for compelling stories to do over the next year as a video presentation. Please submit your faculty member to Jean at [jwells@calstate.edu](mailto:jwells@calstate.edu).

If you would like to request coverage of a particular topic in this newsletter, or if you have some general accessible technology news, please send an email to [dkaplan@calstate.edu](mailto:dkaplan@calstate.edu).