Adapting to the Unexpected: Remote Support for Blind and Low Vision Students in the Pandemic

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We ask you to join us in creating a culture that reflects…

Access and Inclusion
and
Civility and Respect
…this week and in all aspects of our organization.
Agenda

• Visual Content in Lecture
• Remediation of Course Materials and Learning Platforms
• Complex Equity Issues
• Relationships across Campus
• Proactive Preparation for the Unknown
Visual Content in Lecture
Providing Access to Content in Every Setting
Classroom Assistants

• Provides “real time” access to visual content
• Technologies for assisting in remote settings
  • Phone, Facetime, or Google Voice
  • Google Hangouts or Google Meets
  • TeamViewer, remote computer access
  • Zoom
• Using assistants with learning management systems
Coaching Faculty

- Remind faculty dictate as they use a virtual whiteboard
- Have faculty to provide content created during live lectures to alternative formats for remediation
Other Ideas about visual content?

• How do you provide access in every setting? Including:
  • Remote, synchronous lectures
  • Remote, asynchronous lectures
  • Hybrid courses with recorded lectures and/or in-person lectures
  • In-person lectures

Link to AHEAD 2021 Visual Content in Lecture Document
Remediation of Course Materials and Learning Management Systems (LMS)

Greater Reliance on Learning Management Systems Creates New Challenges
Remediation of Course Materials

• Mapping LMS and course websites
• Discussion posts
• Quizzes in LMS
Other Ideas about Remediation of Materials?

- Are there other ways to provide access to unpredictable course content?

Link to AHEAD 2021 Remediation of Materials Document
Complex Equity Issues
Address Systemic Barriers and Assumptions around Availability of Technology
Access to Technology

• Leverage campus relationships with IT, libraries, and labs
• Are there free alternatives?
Other Ideas about Complex Equity Issues?

• Are there other ways to provide greater equity and access?

Link to AHEAD 2021 Complex Equity Issues Document
Relationships Across Campus
Identify and Work toward Common Goals
Communication

• Proactive communication before the term starts
• Work across departments and disciplines
Other Ideas about Relationship Across Campus?

- Are there other ways to leverage relationships across campus for our students?

[Link to AHEAD 2021 Relationships Across Campus Document]
Proactive Preparation for the Unknown
Think through and Plan for Many Futures
Contingency Planning

• Plan ahead for possible quick changes
• Write out plans and communicate with all parties
• Remain flexible
Other Ideas about Proactive Preparation for the Unknown?

- Are there other ways to proactively prepare for the unexpected and the unknown?

Link to AHEAD 2021 Proactive Preparation for the Unknown Document
Session Evaluation

• Your feedback helps shape future programming.

• Thank you for attending!