

# 2012 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Education		2012	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities		73510	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	07/09/2010	07/09/2012	07/09/2012
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes	Section 772 of HEOA 2008		07/09/2012
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>		<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Terminate	No		
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Statutory (Congress Created)			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Section 772 of HEOA 2008	08/01/2008	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> National Policy Issue Advisory Board			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b> 1			
<b>16b. Report Date</b> Report Title			

Report of the Advisory Commission  
on Accessible Instructional Materials  
12/06/2011 in Postsecondary Education for  
Students with Disabilities

**Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1**

**17a.** 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1  
**Open**

**Meetings and Dates**

Purpose	Start	End
The purpose of this meeting was to review a draft of the Commission report to Congress and receive Commission members' feedback on the draft report.	10/31/2011	10/31/2011

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$100.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$12,250.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$31,402.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$7,044.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$782.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$1,158.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$10,772.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$63,508.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	1.50	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities (AIM Commission), accomplishes its purpose by studying the barriers to and recommendations for accessible instructional materials in postsecondary education. The Commission has divided up into four task forces, and the task forces are exploring the six legislative considerations mandated by the legislation. During each meeting, the task forces presented their studies, which in turn, were agreed upon and added to by all Commission members and then incorporated into the final report.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

There are 19 total members on the AIM Commission. Of the 19 members, 4 members are federal government employees, 8 members are Special Government Employees (SGEs), and 7 members are representatives of organizations that were mandated to be represented by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (2008). Please note: The member from the Library of Congress resigned effective September 2011.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

In FY 2012, there were no public meetings. Rather, there was one report working group that occurred in October 2012.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The AIM Commission was mandated by Congress in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (2008) and is a legislative mandate.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or**

## partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

## 21. Remarks

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (2008) directed the Commission to assess the barriers and issues related to accessible instructional materials for students in postsecondary education. The report presenting the recommendations is due to Congress and the Secretary on November 30, 2011.

## Designated Federal Officer

David Berthiaume Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Ali, Russlynn	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Assistant Secretary	Ex Officio Member
DeStefano, Lizanne	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Professor, Qualitative and Evaluative, University of Illinois	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dietrich, Gaeir	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Specialist, High Tech Center Training Unit	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Finn, Chester	09/28/2010	12/31/2011	Member	Representative Member
Friedman, Andrew	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Acting CEO	Representative Member
Fruchterman, James	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	CEO/ President	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Givler, Peter	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Executive Director	Representative Member
Herzer, Kurt	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Student, Johns Hopkins University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hildebrand, J.	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Executive Director, Higher Education	Representative Member

Kephart, Ashlee	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Student, Hamline University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kerscher, George	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	DAISY Consortium	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ochoa, Eduardo	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Assistant Secretary	Ex Officio Member
Posny, Alexa	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Assistant Secretary	Ex Officio Member
Riccobono, Mark	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Executive Director, Jernigan Institute	Representative Member
Smith, Stephan	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Executive Director	Representative Member
Tessler, Linda	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Psychologist and author	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tinsley, Tuck	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	President, American Printing House for the Blind	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wendorf, James	09/27/2010	12/31/2011	Executive Director	Representative Member

### Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

### Narrative Description

The Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities was mandated by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (2008) and was charged with the task of studying barriers and improvements for accessible instructional materials in postsecondary education. This Commission supports the Department's effort to address transition issues for students with disabilities.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety

☐

Trust in government

☐

Major policy changes

☐

Advance in scientific research

☐

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|---|--------------------------|
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Outcome Comments

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Cost Savings Comments

N/A

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

18

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities produced 18 recommendations. These recommendations were in response to the statutory language in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (2008).

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The Commission submitted its report to Congress and the Secretary in December, 2011. We continue to work with senior leaders at the Department and with Congress to implement the recommendations from the final report.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The Commission submitted its report to Congress and the Secretary in December, 2011. We continue to work with senior leaders at the Department and with Congress to implement the recommendations from the final report.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The Commission staff met with the UnderSecretary and the Chair of the Commission to discuss the recommendations and possible next steps here at ED.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

## Grant Review Comments

### How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Access Comments

N/A