

Accessibility Inquiry Group Update

IPC

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Five areas for continued inquiry

Inquiry area	Questions for exploration
Scope of work	What digital materials require attention? How do we identify, inventory, and prioritize existing content?
Participation	Who should be involved beyond faculty and Distance Education? How can classified professionals, administrators, and students participate?
Knowledge base	What do employees already know? What accessibility competencies and training do different roles require?
Resources	What time, funding, technical assistance, software, and compensation are needed?
Gaps and barriers	What prevents employees from implementing accessible practices consistently? How can the college reduce duplication and individual workload?

Timeline

- **October Flex:** Gather campus feedback on accessibility priorities and challenges
- **Fall:** Review findings, identify themes, and engage additional voices
- **Winter:** Conduct a targeted survey (if needed) to fill knowledge gaps
- **January–March:** Pilot training, guidance, or accessible workflow improvements
- **April Flex:** Review progress, set priorities, and define next steps for ongoing accessibility work
- **Outcome:** Shared understanding, prioritized needs, actionable recommendations, and a roadmap for continued accessibility efforts.

Here's where you can help

1. Priorities: What are the most pressing accessibility challenges we should address at Cañada?
2. Resources and support: What training, technology, staffing, or other resources would help faculty and staff improve accessibility?
3. Institutional action: What should we prioritize as a college, rather than leaving accessibility work to individual faculty and staff?

Next steps

- Incorporate IPC feedback into the priorities and recommendations.
- College-wide accessibility survey
- Expanded campus inquiry conversations
- Pilot accessible workflow practices
- Assess technology and support resources
- Strengthen automation and technical assistance
- Integrate accessibility into strategic planning