RESOLUTION AGREEMENT Carnegie Mellon University OCR Complaint # 03-14-2305

In order to resolve certain allegations in the above-referenced complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, at 34 C.F.R. Part 104 (Section 504), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, Carnegie Mellon University (the University) voluntarily enters into this Resolution Agreement (Agreement) and makes the following commitments to OCR.

This Agreement does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of the University and does not constitute a determination by OCR of any violation of any of the regulations enforced by OCR.

Action Step #1: Memo to Staff and Administrators

By December 1, 2014, the University will send a memo to all personnel in its Disability Resources Office and all instructors in the Complainant's XXXXXXXX XXXXXX reminding them of their obligation to provide these services in an effective and timely manner. Specifically, this memo will contain language reminding them of their responsibility to ensure that, for students with disabilities XXX XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXX XXXXX XXXXX This memo will further state that for all students who XXXXXX XXX XXXX. XXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX. This memo will also state that in instances where a student XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXX, personnel will work with them to identify an appropriate remedy to address the situation (e.g. delaying applicable deadlines for projects and tests or other comparable remedy for this disadvantage in not having effective access to the course content at the same time as other students).

Reporting Requirements

By December 15, 2014, the University will submit a copy of this memorandum, along with evidence of the distribution of the above-referenced memo, including a list of the persons (name and title) who received it and the method for its issuance.

By November 1, 2014, the University will XXXX XXX XXXXXXXXX X XXXXXXX XX XXXXXXXXX XXXXX offering XXX the opportunity to retake XXX XXX XXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXX XXX X XXXXXXXXXXXX the Complainant for tuition, books and course materials. If the Complainant elects to retake any XXXXXXX XXX will do so during the next semester that these classes are regularly XXXX XX XXXXXX XXXXXX XX XXXXXXXXX. The Complainant will receive all of XXX approved academic adjustments and auxiliary aids and services, the grade Complainant receives when XXX retakes the course shall replace the previous grade Complainant received, and the University's deadlines for adding and dropping courses will apply. If the Complainant wishes to retake any of these courses, the Complainant will respond within 30 days of the date of the letter, identifying the class/classes she is seeking to retake. If the Complainant does not respond within 30 days of the University's letter, the University will have no further obligations under this provision.

Reporting Requirements

Action Step #3: Review of University's Policy for Provision of Academic Adjustments and Auxiliary Aids and Services

By December 1, 2014, the University shall review its policy for providing academic adjustments and auxiliary aids and services to students with disabilities and revise its policy, as necessary. The University shall ensure that it makes finalized decisions regarding all requests for academic adjustments and auxiliary aids and services through an interactive process with students with disabilities and that such determinations are sufficiently detailed and documented, describing the nature and type of services to be provided. The University shall further ensure that requests for academic adjustments and the University's decisions to grant or deny requests for academic adjustment are documented and communicated to students with disabilities, along with the reason(s) as to why any request for an academic adjustment is denied. As part of this process, the University will specifically consider its use of Accommodation Memorandums and Accommodation Plans to ensure that they are consistent with this provision.

Reporting Requirements

By December 15, 2014, the University will submit its revised policy, including any applicable forms and procedures, for providing academic adjustments to students with disabilities to OCR for its review and approval.

Action Step #4: Training

Within 60 days of OCR's review and approval of its policy pursuant to Action Step #3, the University will provide the following trainings:

For personnel in its Disability Resources Office, training to ensure that they are aware of revised procedures in this policy and understand how it is to be implemented, and,

For all University staff and personnel who are responsible for the operation of the Complainant's assistive technology, technical training regarding the set-up of this equipment.

Reporting Requirements

Within 30 days of the trainings, the University will submit to OCR a sign-in sheet from the training outlined in Action Step #4 above, along with a copy of all materials distributed at the training and or an explanation of the content that was covered during the trainings.

Action Step #5: Provision of Academic Adjustments and Auxiliary Aids and Services

Reporting Requirements

The University understands that by signing this Agreement, it agrees to provide data and other information in a timely manner. Further the University understands that during the monitoring of this Agreement, OCR may visit the University, interview staff and students and request such additional reports or data as are necessary for OCR to determine whether the University has fulfilled the terms of this Agreement and is in compliance with the regulations implementing Section 504, at 34 C.F.R. §104.23, which were at issue in this complaint.

The University understands that OCR will not close the monitoring of this Agreement until it determines that the University has fulfilled the terms of this Agreement and is in compliance with the regulations implementing Section 504, at 34 C.F.R. §104.23, which were at issue in this complaint.

The University understands and acknowledges that OCR may initiate administrative enforcement or judicial proceedings to enforce the specific terms and obligations of this Agreement. Before initiating administrative enforcement (34 C.F.R. §§ 100.9, 100.10), or judicial proceedings to enforce this Agreement, OCR shall give the University written notice of the alleged breach and a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days to cure the alleged breach.

President or designee	Date	
Carnegie Mellon University		