

Accessibility Task Force Meeting October 14, 2025, 3:00-4:30 PM

Accessibility Task Force Members Present: Erin Earle, Director, Undergraduate Enrollment, New Student Transitions and Visitor Experience; Mary Previte, Employee Wellness Specialist; Markeisha J. Miner, Vice President, Community, Equity and Diversity; Nina Schiarizzi-Tobin, Assistant Director, Disability, Access, and Inclusion; Paul DePace, Director, Real State Planning; Dorca Smalley, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity; and Professor Andrew Davies, Biological Sciences.

Guest Speakers: Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning and Real Estate Development; and Jeff Ulricksen, Assistant Director, Spatial Services.

The meeting was called to order at 3:16PM and began with introductions.

Agenda Items and Discussion Topics

Review Draft Prior Meeting Summaries:

The group approved the 09-16-25 meeting notes.

ATF Website: Meeting Notes Update:

Vice President Miner provided an update on posting meeting summaries to the website.

Terms: Student Vacancy Update

Vice President Miner met with the Student Senate President last week, who will review the open vacancy and appointment requirements with the Student Senate. Member Earle suggested including that part of the responsibility to serve on the Accessibility Task Force as part of an existing Student Senate role. The group also discussed conducting outreach to the graduate student representative.

10-06-25 Event Participation Update:

Co-Chair Smalley shared that a total of 36 individuals attended the event. A recording of the lunch-and-learn event will be uploaded to Brightspace and disseminated.

Draft Accessibility Definition

This agenda item was moved to the November meeting. Co-Chair Smalley will circulate a Doodle poll to schedule a working session where the members will review and incorporate feedback gathered through the survey issued by Community, Equity and Diversity.

Future Guest Speakers

The members suggested inviting Transportation and Parking in December. The November meeting will include no guest speakers as the group would like to finalize a draft of the accessibility definition.

Presentation GIS:

Jeff Ulricksen described that he has been working on a new application to replace the existing interactive map. This has been a collaboration project with two graduate students.

The GIS tool will reflect all URI campuses. Transportation and Parking is conducting an inventory in the GIS tool, and their changes will be reflected as they are made. The tree locations are based on a tree inventory from the Lands and Grounds Department. There is a tab which allows users to access buildings and can be filtered by campus. The map includes pictures of buildings, and the pictures are being updated to include ALT text. Future iterations of the tool will include enhanced accessibility features such as accessible routes to and within buildings as well as elevator locations.

The document includes ADA Parking Spaces; Bike Racks; Electric Vehicle Chargers; Shuttle Routes; Resident Parking Lots; Commuter Parking Lots; Faculty/Staff Parking Lots; Greek and Special Programs Parking Lots; there is also a provide feedback button showing what omissions or changes need to be made.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30PM.