



Accessibility Task Force Meeting Summary
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Green Hall President's Conf. Rm.

Present: Andrew Davies, Paul DePace (virtual), Erin Earle, Markeisha Miner, Mary Previte, Terry Wild

Absent: Dorca Smalley, Nina Schiarizzi-Tobin, Robin Santini

I. October Meeting Summary Review

The task force members present agreed to amend the agenda to review prior meeting summaries. Upon determining that the updated version of the October meeting summary had not been distributed, the task force agreed to review the October and November meeting summaries at the December meeting.

II. VP, CED Updates

Vice President Miner provided the task force with an update from the November meeting of the University Diversity Council at which Co-Chair Smalley presented an overview of the task force's work over the last year. VP Miner also updated the group on the recently completed Snap Climate Survey and the new website housing information about prior surveys, www.uri.edu/campus-climate.

III. Definition of Accessibility

The task force reviewed the recommended changes by the small subcommittee Co-Chair Smalley convened in October to incorporate proposed edits to the draft definition. After discussion, a motion to recommend that the University Diversity Council adopt the proposed definition was properly moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

IV. Student Member Vacancy Updates

VP Miner provided an update on outreach efforts to Student Senate and the Graduate Student Association to identify potential student task force members. Task force members discussed strategies to recruit and appoint undergraduate and graduate student members, including an open call for nominations in Rhody Today.

V. Future Guest Speakers

The task force discussed potential guest speakers for future meetings and decided to reach out to representatives from Transportation and Parking Services as well as Facilities for the next meeting.