



**Accessibility Task Force  
Meeting Summary  
Tuesday, December 16, 2025  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Green Hall President's Conf. Rm.**

**Present: Co-Chair Dorca Smalley, Erin Earle, Paul DePace (virtual) , Markeisha Miner, Mary Previte, Robin Santini, Nina Tobin (virtual) Terry Wild**  
**Absent: Andy Davies**

After introductions, the task force celebrated the contributions of members Robin Santini who is leaving the University later this month and Paul DePace who is retiring in January.

**I. Guest Speaker: Cody Ochs, Transportation and Parking (TAP)**

Guest Speaker Cody Ochs provided a brief presentation and discussed questions task force members presented in advance.

- All cars on campus must have a permit, including visitors.
- All accessibility placard holders must register with Transportation and Parking in advance. A placard and a permit allows holders to park in any ADA parking spot on campus, whether it is in a faculty/staff or student lot. TAP does not issue placards; the state and physicians provide placards.
- ADA spots are available on a first come, first serve basis. There are approximately 315 ADA spots. URI Police Department oversees enforcement. TAP issues warnings.
- New construction projects take accessible parking into account consistent with best practices. As the Campus Comprehensive Plan is implemented, the University can enhance access by increasing ADA spaces where possible.
- TAP only manages parking on the Kingston campus. All shuttles and bus shelters on the Kingston campus are accessible.
- Shuttles run 7:30a-8p. On-demand shuttle services 5:30p-1a. There is an app displaying shuttle stops, including the Kingston Amtrak station and the Emporium. Shuttles are open to faculty, students, and staff.
- ADA spaces, and all parking spaces, are mapped onto the GIS system.
- The Accessibility Task Force can assist by:
  - Encouraging students who need accessible parking to register with DAI and faculty and staff to register with HR.
  - Spreading the work about registering placards.
  - Providing feedback on available spaces and observations about how designated lots are being used in practice.
  - Check the TAP website regularly for additional ADA information:  
<https://web.uri.edu/transportation/parking/>, which includes an accessible parking tab.

**II. Review of October 2025 and November 2025 Meeting Summaries**

A motion to approve the meeting summaries was properly moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**III. ATF Annual Report (University Diversity Council)**

Co-Chair Smalley offered to update the draft annual report and circulate it for the group's comments and recommendations.

**IV. Governance Updates**

The task force discussed maintaining and updating membership, including identifying potential student members through an open call for student members.

**V. Outreach Updates**

The task force discussed designating task force members to respond to email correspondence to the group email and reiterating that meetings are open to the campus community who are all welcome to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.