**The President’s Commission on People with Disabilities**

**Minutes**

**April 15, 2016 – 10:00 AM**

**Agenda Items:**

1. Call to Order and Introductions 10:06am

Joanne Lynch, Pamela Rohland, Christine Sullivan, Anita Jackson, Annette Bourbonnaire, Mary Jane Klinkhammer, Nancy Moss, Meredith Clarke, Nicole Hernandez (undergraduate student)

1. Review Items:
2. Report of Curriculum & Online Accessibility (pilot for online course videos)
   1. Amanda busy early in the semester mostly CON for RN to BSN program
      1. Unsure if all podcasted lectures are captioned in the RN to BSN program
   2. Not a lot of requests since Spring Break, Amanda is creating a captioning manual
   3. Discussion regarding why captioning is not required for all courses- related to academic freedom
   4. Improvements noticed in captioning for all public videos from URI
3. Report from Transportation & Parking (PTAS Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee)
   1. No update at this time
4. Report from Safety & Evacuation (CEMAC meeting)
   1. No update at this time

New business:

* Discussion regarding how do we do more to weave disability into the fabric of the University?
  + Consider reviving Students for a More Accessible Campus; Need for peaceful protests by students to make campus wide change; Disability event related to sports or Greek system similar to Pink Out
    - Nicole Hernandez to pursue these options
  + Look to benchmark against other Universities
  + Creation of Disability Studies courses, Department of Disability Policy Studies, Consider Disability Faculty Fellows program
    - Anita Jackson to follow-up with Laura Beauvais
* Schedule Update for President Dooley
  + Need to coordinate with Naomi Thompson regarding scheduling a meeting with President Dooley
    - Christine Sullivan to follow-up with Naomi
* Pamela met with Naomi Thompson and the other President’s Commission yesterday and updated on our three areas of concentration
  + Disability is not currently incorporated into trainings related to safety and evacuation- discussions with Steve Baker ongoing
  + Kate McCarthy-Barnett is the Disability Coordinator for the FEMA Region I and is interested in coming here to work with Sam Adams in a train-the-trainer model
    - Pamela Rohland to follow-up
* Webinar on ADA Compliance and Learning Disabilities: Transition Access and Persistence on Tues April 19th 2-3:30

**Next Meeting:**

* Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 3:00 pm MU, room 300