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

**April 27, 2018 at 10:00**

**Pharmacy Building – Room 207**

**Minutes**

1. Attendance: Joanne Lynch, Meredith Clark, Jason Dwyer, Anita Jacobson, Annette Bourbonneire, Christine Sullivan, Mike Donohue (from URI police department)
2. Acceptance of Minutes
3. Task Force I: Celebration and Awareness Building
   1. Honor’s 2020 Colloquium Related to Disability update (Annette)
      * Members of Honors Colloquium committee met with Tiffani Kisler and were very positive and encouraging
      * Will be asking members of the PCPD to volunteer to participate in transportation of guests or attending meals with guests, etc
   2. Equity Council liaison update (Annette)
      * No updates, will follow up to ensure Annette is on EC listserv
4. Task Force II: no updates
5. Old Business
   1. Accessibility Issues in the Dining Halls update (Rachel)
      * No update
   2. Accessible Map of URI Campuses update (Paul)
      * Paul is working with Ed Crane and Lisa Chen to move forward with developing a map that will be frequently updated and more descriptive for everyone visiting/living on campus
      * Discussion about advocating for a paid position that is focused on Accessibility and Disability issues across campus
      * Concern exists about adequate funding for Bliss Hall renovations, suggested to contact Jay Walsh for support/advocacy
6. New Business
   1. Student Classroom Accommodations (Anita)
      * Concerns have been expressed over pop-quizzes and allowing students with accommodations extra time
      * PCPD to draft a letter to AAUP with our position on the issue and recommendations for faculty who wish to continue with a pop-quiz format in their courses
   2. DSS policy update (Pamela)
      * No update
   3. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Trainings for Police Department (Mike)
      * Police Directors have attended training and have laminated cards to facilitate communication for officers who will attend training in future
      * Have list of services for sign language interpreters in RI (police need to provide when needed/requested)
7. Future meeting dates

* Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 2:00 PM | Pharmacy Bldg, Room 207

Meeting Adjourned 11:19am