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

**March 27, 2018 at 2:00**

**Pharmacy Building – Room 207**

**Minutes**

1. Attendance: Paul D, Nicole H, Annette B, Anita J, Meredith C, Joanna P-D, Jason D, Stephen B, Christine S
2. Minutes approved from last meeting
3. Task Force I: Celebration and Awareness Building
	1. Honor’s Colloquium Related to Disability update (Annette)
		* PCPD is advisory committee for the HC committee
		* Course goal is to develop a disability “boot camp” for URI faculty, staff and students similar to SafeZone training
		* Speaker can teach in the course on the Tuesday afternoon of the lecture series
		* Will need help to divide up transportation and meals etc
4. Task Force II:
	1. Curriculum & Online Accessibility (Joanna)
		* Captioning is offered by Media and Technology Services currently
		* OTL is having a teaching and learning showcase on 4/6, working to make posters accessible as Word document for screen readers
			1. Ben Levelilee will be conducting a lightening talk on accessibility and Sakai
			2. 12-2pm on 4/6 in Memorial Union
	2. Parking & Transportation Advisory Sub-Committee (Steve)
		* Campus shuttle contract anticipated within next month, will expand service on campus and nearby locations
		* New RamVan has not arrived yet
		* Three new members of Parking and Transportation subcommittee, one staff, one graduate student and one undergraduate student
	3. Safety & Evacuation (Steve)
		* Active shooter trainings offered and have filled up quickly, can request to have one in your college or unit
		* New safety video “Avoid Deny Defend” is being developed with Film Department
		* Lieutenant Donahue is attending training related to public safety issues and communications with persons who are hearing impaired
5. Old Business
	1. Accessibility Issues in the Dining Halls update (Rachel)
		* No updates
	2. Accessible Map of URI Campuses (Paul)
		* Current map managed by Ed Crane, can add additional accessibility information
		* See: [https://map.uri.edu/mobile/#](https://map.uri.edu/mobile/) map is not labeled effectively and would be difficult to navigate for anyone not already familiar with campus
		* See: <https://maps.unh.edu/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=UNH_Accessibility> as an example of a possible map design
		* Would be ideal to have map that has the option to report problems, however most problems like not functioning elevators should be reported to Facility Services
6. New Business
	1. PCPD membership procedure
		* Kathy Doyle was nominated to the PCPD and voted for approval
	2. DSS policy update (Pamela)
		* No updates
	3. Equity Council Seat for PCPD member
		* Open seat on Equity Council, Annette B has volunteered to serve
	4. Assisted listening devices installed in Will Theater and will be installed in Recital Hall at Fine Arts, other mobile listening devices available at Disability Services and Classroom Management for additional locations
	5. Paul DePace requested that the PCPD put forward suggestions for items to purchase on future grants from the Governor’s Commission related to accessibility
	6. Need to have a policy and procedure going forward for how to make public events accessible with CART and/or sign language available
7. Future meeting dates
* Friday, April 27, 2018 at 10:00 AM | Pharmacy Bldg, Room 207
* Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 2:00 PM | Pharmacy Bldg, Room 207

Meeting adjourned 3:14pm