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

**May 15, 2018 at 2:00**

**Pharmacy Building – Room 207**

**Minutes**

1. Attendance: Stephen Baker, Annette Bourbonneire, Paul DePace, Jason Dwyer, Michelle Flippin, Nicol Hernandez, Anita Jacobson, Joanne Lynch, Pamela Rohland, Bridget Ruemmele, Christine Sullivan
2. Call to Order and Acceptance of Minutes: MOTION JD/JL passed
3. Task Force I: Celebration and Awareness Building
   1. Honor’s 2020 Colloquium Related to Disability update (Annette)
      * Annette answered questions from members
   2. Equity Council liaison update (Annette)
      * Annette did receive email confirming appointment
4. Task Force II:
   1. Curriculum & Online Accessibility: IT has taken over video captioning; members discussed providing a notice to deans and a possible article in AAUP newsletter
   2. Parking & Transportation: Steve reported the master plan was online and public; contract with new shuttle service, First Service, used now for Nursing in Providence; it will have new routes and cost less; parking spaces will be reduced and will use a lottery but will have exemptions offered; license plate recognition for parking possibly August 1, 2018.
   3. Safety & Evacuation: Steve reported a new safety video should be completed in July for release in the fall.
5. Old Business
   1. Accessible Map of URI Campuses update: Paul reported a meeting with himself, Nicol, Ed Crane and Lisa Chen. They discussed Microsoft investment for an A.I. program; possibility farmed out to get a report and program to use; seek assistance from VP Rider to get resources to get a map done.
   2. Members discussed pop quizzes and possible solutions; using disability services as a resource; add as a topic for new faculty orientation; provost communicating directly to faculty about the process; utilize URI 101 to review disability services; Starfish is available for all students; online resource for faculty to learn what best practices are needed.
6. New Business
   1. 2018 Executive Summary discussed and asked for any feedback, suggestions be sent to Christine and Anita prior to their meeting with VP Thompson on June 4, 2018.
      * Recommendation of more robust communication for resources available
      * Nicol Hernandez received the 2018 URI Diversity and Inclusive Excellence Award. She was awarded the Undergraduate Student Community Excellence Award for raising awareness regarding the issue of campus accessibility and her presentations on the challenges that people with disabilities face.
   2. Membership will be confirmed and updated with Office of Community, Equity & Diversity.
   3. Co-Chairs will discuss meeting dates beginning in Fall 2018.

Meeting Adjourned 3:15 pm