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

**Minutes**

**May 4, 2016 – 3:00 PM**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order and Introductions

* Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm and introductions were made:

Steve Baker, Tammy Bolotow, Annette Bourbonniere, Joanne Eichinger, Joanne Lynch, Joannah Portman-Daley, Pam Rohland, Bridget Ruemmele, Christine Sullivan, Nicol Hernandez, Khrystyne Poll

1. Acceptance of Minutes:

* Motion to accept minutes by Joanne Lynch Seconded by Bridget Ruemmele; all approved.

**Old Business**

1. Report of Curriculum & Online Accessibility (pilot for online course videos)

* Joannah reported Amanda will be graduating; she has a meeting with Jayne Palm on 5/17/16 to review the manual. Pam would like to attend this meeting also. It’s not sure where the funds will be coming from to continue the captioning. She met with Laura Beauvais and Dave in September to begin the pilot, but it was thought ITS would take it over. There is no URI mandate to have all media accessible.

1. Report from Parking and Transportation Advisory Subcommittee (PTAS)

* Steve reported there have been 3 meetings and they are working on new parking regulations; changing language from “handicap” to “ADA” for parking signage; RFP for master plan for final product expected February 2017 and is only for Kingston campus; Bay campus has no issues; he was unsure if the “UPass” legislation has been introduced. Bridget raised concern over ADA parking violations and asked if the parking was been considered in the current surveying being done at Engineering. Steve offered to provide a report of violations for ADA parking on campus.

1. Report from Safety & Evacuation (CEMAC meeting)
   1. Steve reported his assistant, Sam Adams is in contact with Kate McCarthy-Barnett (FEMA) to discuss doing trainings. This would be addressed further after commencement. He would provide the latest RI FEMA newsletter. Fire and Evacuation testing is being requested. Joanne raised concerns over safety at Chaffee with both elevators being out of service and the left not working. Steve reported if it’s a scheduled service, the class is moved; however it cannot be done with an unscheduled maintenance.
2. President Dooley update

* Christine reported there would be no further meeting with President Dooley. VP Thompson met with the various President’s Commissions and will report to the President.

1. ADA Compliance & Learning Disabilities: Transition Access & Persistence update

* Members who attended the webinar commented that it was basic information that was presented and were disappointed in the number of participants. More participants would provide more information to the community.

**New Business**

1. Diversity Week Proposal from PCPD

* Chris reported the email from Adam Moore and Multicultural Student Services Center for URI Diversity Week 2016. Joanne Eichinger will follow up with Adam on the new dates and the possibility of a submission.
* Annette will follow up with Susan Roush about the possibility of a submission.

1. Membership
   1. Chris reported the emails that have been received for new members. Many members appointment dates expire May 30, 2016. Annette wishes to continue as a member after her graduation. Nicol and Khrystyne confirm they would like to serve as a member. Chris will prepare an email to be sent from Anita and Chris to current members to ask about membership continuing.

**Next Meeting**

* No summer meetings
* Will continue in September and will seek first meeting at GSO with Meredith’s assistance