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

**November 15, 2016**

**Memorial Union Senate Chambers – Room 300**

**Minutes**

1. Attendees: Steve Baker, Michael Starkey, Jason Dwyer, Bridget Rummele,

Nancy Doyle-Moss, Tammy Bolotow, Pam Rohland, Chris Sullivan, Khrystyne Poll, Anita Jacobson

2. Acceptance of Minutes for May, September and October

* Motion to approve made by Bridget, second by Steve, all in attendance voted in favor to approve

1. Old Business:
   1. PCPD website & membership update
      1. Department at CCRI supported a faculty member who did not have materials that could be read by Jaws and a student with vision impairment could not access the materials for an online course
      2. Awareness raised as a result of this incident sparked a training offered by the RI Governor’s Commission on Disabilities which was attended by Disability Services, CCE, Affirmative Action, some URI faculty and the Bookstore
         1. Highlighted need of URI to have purchase order contract language and a checklist before we purchase online materials and modules to ensure accessibility
         2. There is a need to include AAUP and Faculty Senate in policies and discussions to ensure understanding regarding intellectual property and ensuring accessibility
         3. Open source textbooks and materials are a potential barrier going forward and accessibility needs to be considered
   2. Engineering Entrepreneurship Project update
      1. Anita, Paul, Meredith and Chris attended a meeting with four Engineering students who are hoping to create an app that will show live updates regarding disability parking availability, entrances/exits that are accessible, bathrooms, areas of refuge and elevator functioning on campus
      2. Currently faced with finding accurate maps that are up to date and looking at costs associated with creating the app
   3. Task Force I: Celebration and Awareness Building
      1. URI Honorary degree for Bob Cooper (Susan Roush)
      2. Public Talk: [*Telethons: Spectacle, Disability, and the Business of Charity*](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/26245227-telethons?from_search=true)
      3. Awareness Event: [DWTS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqVB638qHfI) guest [Nyle DiMarco](http://www.nyledimarco.com/about/)
   4. Task Force II:
      1. Curriculum & Online Accessibility
      2. Parking and Transportation Advisory Sub-Committee
         1. 10 year master plan is being developed for parking and transportation, major concerns are ADA parking and transportation and pedestrian safety
         2. Would like to have a meeting with PCPD and VHB within next couple of weeks for input
         3. Demolition beginning for Crawford Hall and other buildings that will impact parking availability, Tyler Hall lot may be expanded
         4. East Hall and Washburn Hall parking lot now completed, four new ADA spots near planetarium
      3. Safety & Evacuation
         1. Meeting with Kate McCarthy to talk about evacuation and gave suggestions on current procedures with Sam Adams
         2. Specifically gave examples for new information on Emergency Services website and inclusion of people with disabilities in videos related to evacuation
2. New Business
   1. Nominations for Faculty Co-Chairperson
      1. Two year term for Anita is ending January 1st
      2. Request to consider self or other nominations for faculty member to serve as next Co-Chair
3. Future Meeting schedule

* December 16, 2016 11:00 AM Memorial Union Senate Chambers room 300

Meeting adjourned 4:01pm