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

**October 13, 2017 at 11:00 AM**

**Memorial Union Senate Chambers, Room 300**

**Minutes**

1. Attendance: Rachel F, Annette B, Nancy M, Anita J, Michelle F, Steve B, Tamara B, Emily C, Roxanne G, Pamela R, Paul D
2. Minutes from September 12th meeting - approved
3. Ram Van New Purchase update (Steve B)
   1. Recently went out for purchase, will be a few months to build
4. Possible Honor’s Colloquium Related to Disability (Annette Bourbonniere)
   1. Annette met with Lynn Derbyshire
      * Need committee of 3-4 with at least one faculty member to work on it with an advisory committee (could be the PCPD)
      * One or two page concept paper, desired outcomes, list or account of speakers and special events, rough estimate of a budget, brief course description for 200-level Honors course with a draft syllabus, CV for Colloquium coordinators
      * Next available is 2020
      * Volunteers: Emily, Anita, Pamela, Rachel, Annette
5. Task Force I: Celebration and Awareness Building
   1. Critical Community Conversation update (Anita Jacobson)
      * Wednesday October 25th at Hardge Forum – Reclaiming Disability
      * Register at: [**https://goo.gl/forms/ML99cvLRXKirtVex1**](https://goo.gl/forms/ML99cvLRXKirtVex1)
6. Task Force II:
   1. Curriculum & Online Accessibility (Pamela Rohland)
      * Web accessibility- CCRI and RIC have been cited related to the accessibility of their websites, Pamela attending a meeting on Oct 18th regarding this issue and will report to PCPD
      * 508 section of ADA states website information must be readable by screen readers – example problem is photos of text
   2. Parking & Transportation Advisory Sub-Committee (Steve Baker)
      * Master plan draft has been approved, will be made public soon
      * 10 year plan going forward, Goals:
        1. Move regular parking out of campus core to increase accessible parking and service vehicle access
        2. Manage demand before increasing supply
        3. Enhance shuttle services – likely will not be RIPTA going forward
        4. Transform campus roadways into complete streets with pedestrian walkways, bike paths, landscaping and drainage
        5. Create a regionally connected bicycle network to South County bike path
        6. Create a parking model to adapt to changing circumstances and anticipated issues
   3. Safety & Evacuation (Steve Baker)
      * Updated safety training video is needed on EMS website
      * System being developed for self disclosure to Public Safety for those with functional access needs in all buildings so that information would be readily available to first responders
7. Other
   1. Accessible map of URI campuses – Ed Crane is responsible for interactive map – consider finding out what is needed to update the database – would it be possible to have an app that can be updated in real time for way finding and acute issues?
   2. Fine Arts recital hall and Will Theater listening enhancement systems and one additional to go to Classroom Management for as needed use -currently being priced – can have portable systems may be able to purchase additional systems with the grant funds
   3. Need for clarification of regulations regarding service animals on campus, currently being discussed in Dean of Students Office

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Future Meetings

* + Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 2:00 PM
  + Friday, December 1, 2017 at 11:00 AM