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

**September 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM**

**Challenger Room at GSO Campus**

**Minutes**

1. Attendance and Introductions

Annette Bourbonniere, Tamara Bolotow, Emily Clapham, Meredith Clark, Paul DePace Anita Jacobson, Joanne Lynch, Adam Moore, Joanna Portman-Daley, Pamela Rohland, Susan Roush, Christine Sullivan

1. Acceptance of Minutes – April 27 2017 meeting minutes approved
2. PCPD website & membership update
   1. Currently 25 members of PCPD, list updated on website
   2. Christine will confirm new appointments and possible membership for Annette Bourbonniere with CED Office
   3. More people on ListServ than members
3. APPcessible Business Case update (Paul DePace)
   1. No updates
4. Ram Van New Purchase update (Paul DePace & Pam Rohland)
   1. Bid for new van did not go out (since last May)
   2. Needs flexible flooring and adequate height
   3. Expect requisition to go out in the next few days
5. Possible Honor’s Colloquium Related to Disability (Annette Bourbonniere)
   1. Annette willing to be point person for ideas and suggestions and will inquire with Lynn Derbyshire about how to submit a proposal
      * Mental health and neuro-diversity suggested as possible topics
      * “Life beyond ramps” mentioned as a possible title
   2. Tiffany and Anna from the College of Arts and Sciences interested in collaborating
   3. Need to have faculty involvement to create a parallel Honors course
6. Task Force I: Celebration and Awareness Building
   1. Honorary Degree Nomination (Susan Roush)
      * Bob Cooper not selected again, may be influenced by lack of connection to URI and perception his contributions are “part of his job”
      * Any ideas for future nominations please reach out to Susan Roush
   2. Critical Community Conversation update (Anita Jacobson)
      * Fish bowl format, questions and answers, safe environment
      * Narrators are Nicole Hernandez, Aria Maria Loberti, Rachel Ferreira, Isobel McCullough
      * October 25 at 4pm in the Hardge forum at the MCC
      * Flyer with link for registration to go out next week (Monday)
7. Task Force II:
   1. Curriculum & Online Accessibility (Joannah Portman-Daley)
      * Accessibility feedback feature added automatically on Sakai to allow user to report inaccessibility issues which will go to Disability Services
      * Have hired an individual to caption videos (up to 15 hours) need more requests, videos need to be 10 minutes or less in length
      * Hope to have this as a universal design requirement- unclear how to make that happen
   2. Parking & Transportation Advisory Sub-Committee
      * Report that 7 disability spots behind Ballentine are there but not accessible to cars because of construction
      * If there are specific problems please bring to attention of Paul DePace
   3. Safety & Evacuation (Paul DePace and Pamela Rohland)
      * FEMA training this summer included various aspects of disability for incident responses (service dogs, physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, etc)
      * Focus on functional access needs in emergency response
   4. Disability Grants from Governors Commission (Paul DePace)
      * Awarded 29K grant to upgrade listening system in Will Theater, a music listening system, and a portable classroom listening system
      * Awarded 54K grant for FY 2017 to enhance accessibility features of Bliss Hall (which is undergoing renovation) total of $440k over 5 years
      * Could a request be made for a golf cart or other scooter for people visiting URI who have mobility issues for campus tours etc.
8. Future Meetings
   1. Next meeting Friday Oct 13th at 11am in the Memorial Union in the Senate Chambers