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

**September 13, 2016**

**Challenger Room at GSO Campus**

**Minutes**

1. Attendees:
	1. Stephen B, Tamara B, Emily C, Meredith C, Nancy M, Anita J, Joanne L, Pamela R, Christine S,
2. Acceptance of Minutes
	1. No recommendations for changes, no quorum to vote
3. Old Business:
	1. Curriculum & Online Accessibility
		1. Joanna Portman-Daly still working on captioning videos as they are submitted
		2. How is the service of captioning videos being promoted so that faculty are aware?
			1. Consider drafting an email for Naomi Thompson and Don DeHayes to send to faculty detailing that captioning service for videos is available and how to request captioning
				1. Pamela Rohland and Joannah Portman-Daly
			2. Include information on the service in letter from Disability Services that goes to faculty who have a student with hearing impairment
		3. Harvard and MIT update on captioning
			1. Lawsuit for MOOK classes that were not captioned, all public information must be captioned on URI website, etc.
	2. PCPD website update
		1. Please send updates, corrections and additions to Christine or Anita
		2. Suggestion to add link to Diversity Week and Honors Colloquium
			1. Concern expressed that disability issues not included in Honors Colloquium this year with topic of inequality
	3. Transportation and Parking
		1. Parking and transportation update
			1. 298 accessible parking spaces currently, new: Chemistry 8 ADA spaces, Greenhouse road 13 (+3), Lippit Road 5 (+1), Washburn lot is delayed- Tucker Hall is alternative
			2. Plan to add 30 additional spaces, may change with master plan
			3. Will lose parking along East Alumni Rd as new Engineering building is being constructed
		2. 10-year Master plan for Fall
			1. V.H.B. Inc. is the firm that won the bid/contract- is a RI based company with over 40 URI alumni
				1. Consider inviting VHB to a PCPD meeting or have a special meeting
				2. Alternative transportation, sustainable solutions, parking
	4. Safety & Evacuation
		1. Update on blue phones – some updated to full alarm phones
			1. New phones in library interior, on all floors
			2. Two new phones in Chemistry building
			3. Schneider Electric (old APC) will house some engineering courses and have new blue phones installed in lot and inside
	5. Other updates
4. New Business
	1. Task Forces: Assign priority areas to Task Forces, determine how each Task Force will address the three priority areas, assign liaisons for priority areas to Task Forces
		1. Celebration and Awareness Building
		2. Advisory of Accessibility and Compliance Issues
	2. Adaptive PE program – Emily Clapham
		1. Services children in community with Developmental Disabilities at the Tootell Aquatic Center
		2. Due to fecal accidents in pool TAC is cutting program enrollment in half –Aquatics Director
		3. Looking for suggestions:
			1. Suggestion to benchmark YMCA and Meeting Street school
			2. Consider requiring swim diapers for all students
	3. Letters of appointment should be going out- membership has been updated this summer
5. Future Meeting schedule
* October 21, 2016 11:00 AM Memorial Union Senate Chambers, room 300
* November 15, 2016 3:00 PM Memorial Union Senate Chambers room 300
* December 16, 2016 11:00 AM Memorial Union Senate Chambers room 300