

President's Commission on People With Disabilities

Executive Summary 2017

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Introduction:

The President's Commission on People with Disabilities (PCPD) was established September 2013 by President David Dooley, and was based on the proposal prepared by the "Working Group to Establish a [President's Commission on People with Disabilities]" in July 2013. The PCPD now includes 20 persons, including representatives from the student population, staff, faculty, and administration who are concerned about issues related to all types of accessibility for people with disabilities at the University of Rhode Island.

Committee Membership:

Includes presidentially appointed representatives, from various facets of the University: Faculty, Staff and Student representation is included.

Name	Department
Stephen Baker	Public Safety
Tamara Bolotow	CCE Instructional Support & Disability Services
Emily Clapham	Kinesiology
Meredith Clark	Graduate School of Oceanography
Paul DePace	Capital Projects
Nancy Doyle-Moss	Nursing
Jason Dwyer	Chemistry
Michelle Flippin	Communicative Disorders
Roxanne Gomes	Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity & Diversity
Nicol Hernandez	Undergraduate Student
Anita Jacobson	Pharmacy
Laura Kenerson	Human Resources
Joanne Lynch	Admission
Adam Moore	School of Education
Khrystyne Poll	Graduate Student
Joannah Portman-Daley	Online Learning and Teaching
Pamela Rohland	Disability Services for Students
Susan Roush	Physical Therapy Program
Bridget Ruemmele	Plant Sciences
Kevin Smith	Talent Development
Michael Starkey	Counseling Center
Christine Sullivan	Controller's Office
Aria Mia Loberti	Biology
Isobel McCullough	Theatre

Task Force 1

- Applied for URI Honorary degree for Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary of RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities
- Interactive Workshop on Best Practices in Accessibility for Colleges & Universities in RI presented by RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Planning

- Critical Conversation: Consider a rally, town hall meeting or demonstration to raise awareness and discuss concerns on campus of issues affecting people with disabilities and protest the potential decrease of special education with the new federal administration
- Public Talk: Telethons: Spectacle, Disability, and the Business of Charity
- Awareness Event: DWTS guest Nyle DiMarco

Task Force 2

- Online Access: Captioning video is available, promoted by Joannah Portman-Daley of Online Learning and Teaching and Pamela Rohland of URI Disability Services for Students
- Parking and Transportation: chemistry building demo, visitor's center relocation; Providence nursing shuttle; Ram Van New Purchase; VHB 10 year master plan updates for parking, transportation, sustainable solutions, ADA parking and pedestrian safety.
- Safety & Evacuation: new blue phones in library & chemistry; cameras in Barlow hall; all areas of refuge and entrances; active shooter drills; FEMA training theme: Inclusive Emergency Management

Miscellaneous

- Adaptive PE program guidance for maintaining enrollment
- APPcessible Business Case (Engineering Entrepreneurship Project update)
- Honors Colloquium focus on disabilities