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

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 23, 2015, 10 a.m.**

**Student Senate Chambers MU 300**

**Attendance and Introductions: Bridget Ruemmele, Meredith Clark, Adam Moore, Pamela Rohland, Nancy Doyle-Moss, Joe Paradise (for Steve Baker), Joanne Eichinger, Mary Jane Klinkhammer** (previously notified of conflict: S. Baker, A. Jackson, T. Bolotow,   
E. Cooper, P. DePace, S. Roush, J. Lynch, J. Portman-Daley, A. Bourbonniere, C. Sullivan, L. Mahler)

**Old Business:**

1. Curriculum & Online Accessibility Subcommittee – Report of October 8 meeting –Joannah/Pamela
   1. Summary of October 8 meeting – Pamela/Joannah
   2. We actually have a concrete plan for next steps – very successful.
   3. Financial commitment from Provost – dedicated funds only
   4. Survey of online faculty – over 43 faculty have responded –analysis to be conducted when the survey closes.
   5. Student captionists will be centered in Dave Porter’s area
   6. Pilot project hopefully will be in place by Spring 2016
   7. Is there a limit of caption services to online classes vs. in person classes?
   8. Our understanding is that all faculty will be able to request support for captioned videos under 10 minutes. Full-hour class videos may not be supported except by department funding. DSS will provide funding for registered students’ accommodations.
   9. Provost is requested to notify Deans/Dept. Heads and Faculty of URI policy for ADA Compliance and accessibility, including purchase only of closed caption film/media from publishers.
   10. Suggestions for professional captioning companies: Verbal Ink(approved vendor for RI State, Adam is impressed with their work), Rev.com has also approached URI. Many other companies are available with range of $1/min - $2.50/min.
2. Transportation and Parking (update? Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee) Joe Paradise Representing Public Safety.
   1. Discussion of new parking tags, and ongoing discussions of concerns
   2. Confirm policies for disability parking.
   3. Parking advisory committee is in its final planning stages – advisory to VP Business Services,
   4. Parking/Transportation Committee is waiting for approval by Master Plan review committee chaired by VP Valentino – Baker will chair the committee, which will have predetermined member categories, and at large members.
   5. Concern for loss of disability parking given new buildings going up. Ex. Chafee (discussion about disability parking by each building to be proper distance from each building.)
   6. Sustainability and charging stations are also part of the master plan.
   7. Paul DePace is most knowledgeable about the master plan in the context of Disability regulations. The proper proportion of parking spots will be maintained.
   8. Concerns were voiced about overall reduction of faculty staff spaces, which will reduce disability spots as well. This can be addressed at the Parking Committee to be established.
   9. Paid parking is part of the discussion which funding would improve the overall quality of transportation and parking including possibility of garage parking.
   10. Parking study, traffic study and ADA study is in the works to complement the sustainability plan. The current RFP will include the “what to do” but also “how to fund” and “ how to maintain.”
   11. RFP is out and we are hoping to have consultants identified soon. The study should take about 6 months.
   12. Bay Campus, Disability spots may not be compliant to current codes. Can the study include the Bay Campus?
   13. Consider a more systemic problem of distribution of need per building. People are becoming injured by some situations. (i.e. first come first serve for ADA parking and ambulation of pathways)
   14. Campus Planning and Design should be on the PCPD?
3. Safety and Evacuation – tabled to next meeting.
   1. Automatic doors function in relation to parking?
4. Task Force responses Summary – Anita – we received 13 responses:
   * 1. 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:
           1. A. *Moore,*
           2. J. *Eichinger,*
           3. S. *Roush,(sabbatical Spring 2016)*
           4. A. *Jackson,*
           5. *M.J.Klinkhammer*
           6. *Discussion: Description of the difficulty experienced at the Diversity Week presentation of “Fixed” (documentary on use of technology and bio ethics)- MCC technology did not work and the film was not shown.*
           7. *Discussion: Bob Cooper has been nominated for a URI Honorary Degree.*
        2. Advisory of Accessibility and Compliance Issues – (with liaison interest indicated)
           1. *M. Sullivan (Parking Transportation),*
           2. *C. Sullivan,*
           3. *S. Baker, (Parking/Transportation, Public Safety)*
           4. *B. Ruemmele, (Parking/Tranportation, Division Diversity, Public Safety)*
           5. *M. Clark, (Parking/Transportation, Public Safety, Space Allocation/Mngmt)*
           6. *A. Bourbonnierre, (Parking/Transportation, Public Safety, Space Allocation/Mngmt, External Commissions)*
           7. *P. Rohland, (Parking/Transportation, Captioning AdHoc, Division Diversity Committee, Disability Services/Dean of Students, Public Safety)*
           8. *J. Lynch (where needed)*
           9. *N. Doyle-Moss (captioning adhoc).*
           10. Discussion: Task Force to have individuals serving as liaisons to committees across the University: partially determine future liaisons by nature of job duties in addition to interest indicated above.
           11. Discussion: Reminder to send representative if members cannot attend?
        3. Other discussion Topics:
           1. Curriculum and Online Accessibility – liaisons are already working (Rohland and Portman-Daley) (Moss to be included in future meetings)
           2. Transportation and Parking (Liaisons ex: Baker and DePace from PCPD are also voting members of Master Planning review committee which will approve Parking/Transportation committee)
           3. Safety and Evacuation

Emergency Preparedness (article in student paper) planning (Adams) is there disability advisory for that function?

We need to ensure that disability issues and concerns are included in the planning for safety and evacuation.

**New Business:**

1. There was consensus about moving the 11/24 meeting (Thanksgiving week) to the week prior? Suggested 11/17/15 same time.
2. Elizabeth Cooper will respectfully resign – due to over commitment – but will be a liaison to the College of Business and would like to stay in touch by email.

**Future Meeting schedule**

November 17, 2015, Tuesday, 10-11:30 am MU 300 (confirmed date change room availability)

December 11, 2015, Friday, 10 – 11:30 am  MU 300

January 12, 2016, Tuesday, 2-3:30 pm MU 300

February 12, 2016, Friday, 10-11:30am MU 354

March 14, 2016, Monday, 3-4:30pm  MU 300

April 15, 2016, Friday, 10-11:30 am MU 300

May 4, 2016, Wednesday, 3-4:30 MU 300  (final meeting and reading-day schedule)