

The President's Commission on People with Disabilities

Minutes

December 9, 2013 10-11:30 a.m.

Memorial Union 300, Student Senate Chambers

- 1) ***In attendance:*** Tammy Bolotow, Annette Bourbonniere, Betsy Cooper, Meada Daly Cano, Roxanne Bomes, Kerri Hicks, Joanne Lynch, Adam Moore, Joannah Portman-Daley, Pamela Rohland Christin Sullivan, Darthula Mathews. (called in, Mary Jane Klinkhammer, Bridget Ruemmele, Susan Roush and Meridith Clark)
- 2) Introductions for new members – Darthula Mathews from Alumni Relations joined us today.
- 3) Today's work of the Commission:
 - a) *Confirm formal language and format for University Manual entry for The President's Commission on Equity and Inclusion for People with Disabilities to be given to CED for UM inclusion.*
 - i) Discussion ensued regarding specific wording regarding Goal #5 – it was moved, seconded and approved that the goal will read "advise primary URI administrators on issues of disability;" and for greatest inclusivity of function, specifically to remove the list of particular departments or titles.
 - ii) Further it was moved seconded and approved to remove the phrase "the entire community of" from goal #2, which now reads "2. identify major topics of concern for people with disabilities."
 - iii) Further it was approved that the commission will operate on a calendar year basis, from January to December for appointment of membership and the commission leadership.
 - b) Confirm membership and Leadership list - for letters of appointment. Today's final list was approved and is to be given to the Office of Community Equity and Diversity for letters of appointment from the Office of the President.
 - i) Membership categories, meeting attendance and other operating procedures will be outlined in by-laws to be developed during the

first year of operation.

- c) Determine a schedule of future meetings for Spring semester -
 - i) We will ask for another meeting wizard to be sent so that Faculty members will be able to account for their availability during the Spring 2014 semester.

Future meetings beginning Spring 2014 will:

- (1) Determine priority of specific activities to address proposed goals – these activities were suggested in the original proposal document from Summer 2013.
- (2) Take up specific actions and duties for commission members, such as sub-committees to address each priority.
- (3) Create specific by-laws for operation of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion for People with Disabilities.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Rohland December 10, 2013