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

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 10, 2015**

**Memorial Union Room 354**

Meeting called to order: 9:01am

**Attendance and Introductions:**

Mary Jane Klinkhammer Susan Roush Meada Daly-Cano

Adam Moore Roxanne Gomes Paul DePace

Pamela Rohland Joannah Portman-Daly Annette Bourbonniere

Anita Jackson Stephen Baker Joanne Lynch

Tamara Bolotow

Christine Sullivan

**Old Business:**

1. **Reports of progress since April 20th**
   1. Curriculum & Online Accessibility
      1. Harvard and MIT update on captioning
      2. Update on PCPD website
         1. Live, searchable on URI webpage
         2. Links to faculty and staff serving on Commission
   2. Transportation and Parking
      1. Survey of parking and transportation updates
         1. Have 261 ADA compliant spots on URI Kingston campus
         2. Additional 37 at Ryan Center
         3. Map updated with spaces marked
         4. Spots will be added in January
         5. Plains Road has 30 day permit spots near shuttle
         6. App live that shows real time for shuttle (refresh every 20 seconds)
            1. bus.apps.uri.edu
      2. Master plan for Fall
         1. Draft RFP put together, currently under review
         2. Up to 75K spending
         3. Includes documentation of ADA parking and solutions
      3. Other updates
         1. Providence Campus
            1. has spots and sidewalks that are not traversable
            2. private lot, small; contracts with CCE for disability parking; not ideally maintained
            3. shuttle doesn’t start until 4pm and is not accessible for persons in wheel chairs
            4. convention center would be ideal for parking if shuttle was accessible and available at all times
         2. Include information on PCPD website about accessible parking on all campuses (links for Providence, Kingston, Bay Campus, etc)
         3. Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee being formed, sub-committee of Master Plan Committee
            1. Faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and staff
            2. Assess and make recommendations
         4. Need fines established for parking in unaccepted spaces- currently a towing only system and costs $0.75 per issuance
         5. Parking services will be issuing hang-tags in the next few weeks; one time issuance
   3. Safety and Evacuation
      1. Updates on Areas of Refuge
         1. Implementation is under the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance
            1. Replacing elevators in Chaffee
            2. Improvements to White Hall
            3. Improvements to Ranger Hall
      2. Updates on blue light phones and emergency alert system
         1. 91 blue light phones currently between all campuses
         2. Adding 4 more; 3 for Chemistry and 1 for Gender and Sexuality Center
         3. One button push connects to dispatch office, ADA compliant
         4. 47 blue light phones are full service, two way communication, all call alerts
         5. Library has emergency phones on every floor, all residence halls do as well
         6. Phone app that can call 2121, “RAVE” system

**New Business**

* 1. **Task Forces**
     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. Documentary “Fixed” for Diversity Week

Tuesday the 29th of September 9:30 to 10:45am

* + - * 1. Honorary Degree for Bob Cooper – coordinate with Laura Beauvais
      1. Advisory of Accessibility and Compliance Issues – Task Force to have individuals serving as liaisons to committees across the University
         1. Curriculum and Online Accessibility -RFP for captioning
         2. Transportation and Parking
         3. Safety and Evacuation
    1. Determine who will serve on various Task Forces going forward
  1. **Future Meeting schedule** 
     1. Determine meeting schedule for the year 2015-2016
        1. Will alternate days and times to try and ensure faculty and staff attendance

Meeting adjourned 11:02am