

Athens City Commission on Disabilities

Athens Community Center

November 16, 2016

Call to Order: 5:32

Attending:

- Chris Linscott, Co-chair of Accessibility Liaison Group at OU – PADCAP subgroup
- Carrie Griffin – equity and civil rights at OU, PADCAP communications committee
- Brian Bucher, [Adyn's Dream](#)
- David McNelly, commission member
- Larry Jageman, former commission member
- Bruce Thurgood, a founding Disabilities Commission member, has been training healthcare workers in Honduras to be primary care workers, and has now returned to Athens
- Joe Wessinger, commission member
- Scott Dennis, commission member
- Lori Kinney, commission acting chair
- Noah Trembly, commission member
- Lara Edge, commission member

Commission members not attending: Robin Brigante, Rose Dikis, Carolyn Lewis, Darrell Purdy

PADCAP

Members of PADCAP updated commission members on its status and willingness to work with the commission:

- PADCAP's new Accessibility Liaison Group has 15 members made up of faculty, staff, and students (both graduate and undergraduate). It is working to assess the needs for accessibility and is poised to work closely with the commission under a Memo of Understanding between OU and the city. "We want to go beyond what's required and get to what's right," Chris Linscott, co-chair of the Liaison subgroup, said.
- PADCAP is watching to see how Miami University improves its access to technology. The Miami University recently [reached agreement on a consent decree](#) to make technology more accessible to all. OU has a similar issue with Blackboard, OU's platform for class assignments, etc. –content loaded into it isn't always accessible. Miami is expected to complete requirements in six months.

- A Leadership Subcommittee is there to help faculty and staff think about these things when planning classes.
- Have logo: “Accessible Ohio.” “Accessible Athens” could be a variation on that.

Approval of minutes

- Approved

Old Business

Nomination of Officers:

Chair: Noah Trembly nominates Lara Edge, Joe Wessinger seconds

Vice-Chair: Scott Dennis nominates David McNelly, Noah Trembly seconds

Secretary: Lara Edge nominates Lori Kinsey as secretary, Joe Wessinger

Treasurer: David McNelly nominates Noah Trembly, Joe Wessinger seconds

All nominations carry.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, Dec. 14

Meeting adjourns: 6:43