The Committee Members present were: Jean Martin, Steve Clark, Janet Dorning, Mike Essary, Sarah Mcabee, Ashley Mccleroy, Jessica Baker, Lisa Philippart, Suzanne Sims, Omar Smith, Rodney Stephens, Saralyn Mitchell (chair)
Absent: Lisa Hyde, Jerry Bradford

Minutes: The minutes for the September 23rd, 2015 meeting will be reviewed at the November 9th, 2016 meeting and corrected/ revised.

I. Welcome & Introductions
II. Mission Statement read by Saralyn
III. Statistical report-Jean
   a. Most students graduate- it just takes longer-each student is unique
   b. Alternative textbooks-much time is spent to address visual/hearing challenges
   c. Significant growth in students registered with Disability Services- now 100 + students
   d. Students must self-disclose to receive services- faculty is helping with referrals
IV. Barriers Report - Saralyn
   a. 2 wheelchairs available on campus in security office and career development
   b. Captioned phone for interviewing placed in Lisa’s office
   c. Power outlets added as needed
   d. Many requests made for videos
   e. Students asked about accessible parking on Waters/Gym side of building and by the gym
      Action: Parking: Accessible spaces will be marked to meet guidelines
V. Mike Essary reported that a student had committed suicide this week and asked Lisa about grief counseling. Lisa provides individual grief counseling on Wednesdays. Suicide protocol in place
VI. Accessible Technology –Jean
   a. Dragon Naturally Speaking for students w/no hands and TBI
   b. Improvement in quality of videos being addressed. Discussion included:
      a) Jessica-Founders F2 - can’t hear
      b) Vote on formation of subcommittee to review Assistive Technology
      c) Special education staff may be a resource for sub-committee
      d) Soft Talk (chalk) - reads to students in College of Education
      Action: Vote on formation of subcommittee to review Accessible Technology
VII. ADA procedures for staff/faculty - Suzanne
   a) Information found under HR forms
   b) List of instructions for request

VIII. WRP- section 503 encourages hiring persons with disabilities - Jean
   a) 2014- 20 registered, 13 offered summer internships
   b) Post in Athenian Jobs to announce program
   c) Not every university participates WRP
   d) Athens allows college students from other schools to participate in WRP
   e) WRP Federal Recruiter- phone interviewing in October/ November
   f) Students must self-disclose and register by October 14

IX. Assistive Technology – Ashley McLeRoy, demonstration – Dragon Naturally Speaking
   a. Maybe course rotation from online vs. traditional could be shared w/students (ask Sarah)
   b. Dragon recognizes southern “drawl”- need headset/ good microphone
   c. Speech to text
   d. Must enunciate clearly/slowly
   e. Tell Dragon when its wrong
   f. Ashley with Voc. Rehab will assist students to set up Dragon and provide training
   g. Note taking technology available- must be evaluated first

Next Meeting: ADA Committee – Spring 2016 Semester
               Assistive Technology Sub –Committee – Spring Semester

Adjournment: The Committee adjourned at 10:53