The ADA Advisory Committee has been working diligently on finding options for notifying individuals with disabilities, and others, of accessible emergency egress in our campus buildings since 2010. Our focus has been, and continues to be, maintaining proper safety measures for individuals with disabilities who learn, work and visit our campus. While it is important to note that FGCU maintains compliance with physical safety and evacuation procedures, i.e. Area of Refuge (Life Safety Code 7.2.12), the notification piece, specifically where these areas are located and how one evacuates from a building, is lacking, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 120101 (b)(1) of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended.

Prior initiatives have included the creation of emergency signage denoting Area of Refuge, building maps denoting emergency egress in multiple story buildings, creation of a SAFETY tab on the University website and subsequent linking to necessary departments, and finally, emergency notification located in the syllabi, which will be referenced on the first day of class. To date, the building maps have been completed and installed by Physical Plant.

In response to these prior initiatives, the ADA Advisory Committee was directed to the Safety and Facilities Committee (SFC) of the University Planning and Budget Council (PBC). Following review and comments provided by the SFC, the ADA Advisory Committee has updated its proposed options (Appendix A) and requests further review by the SFC, for eventual review by the PBC.