

# Inclusive Technology Lab Advisory Council

October 17, 2016

10-11. LIB 125

## Summary Notes

**Attendees:** Cheryl Ash, Megan Currie, Mary Ellen Gabias, Tracy Janzen, Earllene Roberts, Barbara Sobol,

**Regrets:** Bowen Hui, Aaron Heck, Kim Partanen, Nishat Tasnim, Corinne Muchowski-Stone, Dylan Ermacora

**Minutes:** Barbara Sobol

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- Update on ITL usage this fall. Over 60 students have been referred this fall from the DRC; 40+ students with orientations complete...usage is way up!
  - Plans for 2016/17
    - Welcome Meghan Currie as ITL Coordinator. Meghan works 12 hours/week and provides in-depth support to students wanting to learn about assistive technology. She is also available to provide in-class demonstrations/presentations on assistive technology.
    - Classroom and research integration and opportunities are a focus for this year.
      - We discussed reaching out to: IDIRC and the Centre for Teaching and Learning. The VOICE Mental Health project may make use of the ITL.
      - Ideas are most welcome about potential partners on campus that we could work with to integrate the ITL into courses and research projects.
    - Improving coordination and knowledge of assistive tech across campus
      - The Library has partnered with Community Service Learning and NNELS to provide a volunteer opportunity for students to record children's audio books which will then be available across Canada to people with perceptual disabilities. Exciting times!
      - There is definitely demand for more coordinated software licensing across campus.
      - Our quest for a campus project to produce accessible campus map continues!
    - Ideas and contacts beyond those listed here are most welcome!
  - Tour of renovated Inclusive Technology Lab
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