Inclusive Technology Lab Advisory Council

October 17, 2016
10-11. LIB 125

Summary Notes

Attendees: Cheryl Ash, Megan Currie, Mary Ellen Gabias, Tracy Janzen, Earlene Roberts, Barbara Sobol, Bowen Hui, Aaron Heck, Kim Partanen, Nishat Tasnim, Corinne Muchowski-Stone, Dylan Ermacora

Minutes: Barbara Sobol

- 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