Inclusive Technology Lab Advisory Council

February 22, 2017
11-12. LIB 125

Summary Notes

Attendees: Cheryl Ash, Megan Currie, Dylan Ermacora, Tracy Janzen, Sky Mooney, Peter Newbury, Barbara Sobol
Minutes: Barbara Sobol

- Announcement of additional donor funding from two anonymous donors to supplement staffing for three years and technology enhancement and renewal for 5 years
- General update on usage (way up!) 76 students
  - Increasing interest in consultations on how to use the technology and on SmartPens specifically
- VOICE 4 Survey on Mental Wellbeing at UBCO
  - Participation from all is welcome. Interesting question on diversability.
- NNELS & CSL Project update
  - Students are actively recording audio-books for inclusion in the NNELS catalogue
  - http://students.ok.ubc.ca/cslprogram/co-curricular.html
- Posters & bookmarks to be printed soon to assist in advertising the ITL
- Connecting with other groups or centers on campus
  - Tours of the space have been given to new facility in Human Kinetics and Computer Science, along with the IDIRIC team. Arrangements have been made to connect with the Innovative Learning Centre.
- End of term wrap up event being planned – watch for a calendar invite soon!
- Other items for discussion or ideas to improve ITL?
  - Cheryl reported that an accessible campus map may be only a few clicks away!
  - The ITL has been offered Paul Gabias’ old braille printer
  - How can we continue to foster and support the inclusive community that is growing around the ITL?
  - Check out the new portable white-boards in the ITL.
  - Is there a possibility for a site-license for Read and Write Gold?
  - Suggestion to reach out to unit assistants to ensure they know about the ITL.