Attendees:

Melissa Barnard, Molly Beaupre, Melisa Choroszy, Deaon Clausell, Kara Cleveland, Mary Heid, Ed Huffman, Raymond Lee, Michael Leverington, Darrin McCarthy, Jeanine Mooers, Michelle Rachal, Kevin Murphy

NSHE University Accessibility Working Group Updates
An NSHE Working Group has been formed to analyze and provide recommendations for accessible EIT at all NSHE institutions including a recommendation of policy for the consideration of the board of Regents. The Group met on March 3, 2016 and established four subcommittees, each with UNR representation, as follows; Procurement - including software and textbooks (Mary Zabel and Mary Heid), Shared Institutional Resources (Ed Huffman and Mary Heid), Web Accessibility for Forward Facing Institutional Websites (Deaon Clausell), Web Accessibility for Learning Management Systems and On-Line Forms (Ed Huffman).

The Procurement Group met on March 29, 2016 and discussed campus EIT Committees, web standards, purchasing contract language and institutional EIT compliance officers. The Shared Institutional Resources Group met on March 24, 2016 and discussed an implementation of shared storage unit for alternative media to be shared among NV institutions. The Web and LMS Groups have not yet met.

General Announcements

Several EIT Committee members presented at the Northern Nevada Diversity Summit (Exploring Diversity and Equity through Access, Retention & Engagement) on April 6-7, 2016. Members of the DRC offices at TMCC and UNR co-presented a well-received session titled, “Universal Design Across Campus and Curriculum.”
Sub Committee Updates

Appeals, Mary Heid for Mary Zabel
Committee work is complete. No further updates.

Audit, Kevin Murphy
Kevin Murphy is no longer able to continue his position as Chair of the audit subcommittee and a replacement chair is requested.

Classrooms and Instructional Materials, Ed Huffman
The new LMS, Canvas, is natively more accessible than our current Blackboard LMS. All active courses will transition to Canvas during the 2016 summer and fall terms and Blackboard will no longer be available for user access after June 15, 2016. Faculty accessibility resources for captioning, creating an accessible syllabus, Canvas content and MS Office documents are available on the TLT website.

Library, Pat Ragains
The library webmaster is currently working with content creators to begin remediation of inaccessible PDF documents on the library website as identified using the Siteimprove software. Much of that content is historical.

Policies and Procedures, Melisa Choroszy
No new developments since the November, 2015 EIT meeting.

Procurement, Mary Anne Christensen
No update.

Software Testing, Mary Heid
Kara Cleveland has accepted the appointment to chair of this subcommittee. DRC members continue to perform all software review and testing. Discussion of potential resources to meet the testing demands include development of more people to test software, requiring the vendor provide documentation of testing during the procurement process, and outsourcing. Questions of costs and implied endorsement of recommended outsource testing entities arose.

Student Survey, Mary Zabel
No update.
Tools & Standards, Mary Heid for Steve Smith
The subcommittee held its second meeting in January and discussed the challenges to meet student need and how to handle current and future need. A three tier model was suggested that would help manage expectations and guide innovation; accessible tools, tools that may need accommodation, and experimental tools.

Training, Ben Gallagher
No update.

Websites, Deaon Clausell
Deaon, Kevin Murphy and Melissa Barnard are working collaboratively on a website policy that is still in development. Discussion ensued regarding which sites will need to be in compliance and how to enforce compliance. Each department does not necessarily have an IT or Web person or the resources to attain compliance. Options include a transition plan and self-auditing at the University and departmental levels. The subcommittee will try to estimate what resources would be needed to attain compliance.

Next Meeting – September 14, 2016 at 3pm. Location JCSU Room 320.