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Action Items:
Review meeting notes from December 10 meeting. No changes.

Discussion on challenges to meet student needs and the distinctions between access and accommodation as well as between content creation and content consumption. The challenges include:

- Rapid rise of multiple mobile devices and compatibility with core UNR systems
- Hostage to vendor support (or lack of) for access and accommodation
- Finite UNR resources: people, budget
- Limited training opportunities
- Coordination across all stakeholders
- Need to codify and share standards

Discussion of how to handle immediate needs, develop a long range plan, and the ability to be agile and responsive to the changing environment.

Suggested a three tier model for student support. These three tiers should help manage expectations and provide clear advice on what works in the current UNR environment and what will work only in some instances.

1. Recommended tools (software and hardware) tested and known to work today with core UNR systems. DCR establishes and publishes these current standards.
2. Guidelines to accommodate those wishing to use other tools that are not fully tested or are known not to be fully compatible with current core UNR systems.
3. Guidance and coordination on use of new untested tools to gather feedback from those who want to innovate and experiment.

There needs to be coordination between codifying standards for tools and the procurement process. The procedures for refresh of the standards and making prudent investment based on those standards needs further work.

Discussed changing guidance to looking beyond what is in place. Adherence to external standards helps inform decisions with broader and wider identified needs rather than what is in current entity usage. Not vendor driven. Such standards are not static but evolve. Four Principles of Accessibility POUR — Perceivable, Operable, Understandable, Robust. Attachment 1 is a list from George McKinlay of online sources for standards.
Standards References

Quickie list that is by no means exhaustive nor is it in an order of importance.

[W3.org]

**WAI** [W3.org] Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)

Various sub workgroups/task forces are important beyond the “web” content notion, including non web content

**WCAG 2.0 Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)**

**ATAG** [W3.org] Authoring Tool Accessibility Guidelines 2.0

To ensure that web content tools are both accessible to authors with disabilities (Part A) and encourage the production of accessible content (Part B).

**WCAG 2.0 AA** [W3.org] Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

**ARIA** [W3.org] Accessible Rich Internet Applications Working Group

**WCAG2ICT** [W3.org] Guidance on Applying WCAG 2.0 to Non-Web Information and Communications Technologies

**NASCIO** National Association of State Chief Information Officers

**Accessibility in IT Procurement** [www.nascio.org]

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**Part 1 Issues, Challenges and a New Approach** [www.nascio.org]

Good intro for a Policy-Driven Adoption for Accessibility (PDAA) approach. Part 2 is a really good implementation guide IMHO.