Report to Council
IDI/ATRC
February, 2010

(Note: Jutta Treviranus will not be able to attend the Council meeting as she has agreed to moderate a UNESCO forum entitled “Mainstreaming ICTs for Persons with Disabilities to Access Information and Knowledge,” at UNESCO headquarters in Paris on the same date.)

A Brief Description of IDI/ATRC
In September 2009, the ATRC was renamed the Inclusive Design Institute/Adaptive Technology Research Centre and formalized as an Extra-Departmental Unit (EDU) C within the Faculty of Information. The Inclusive Design Institute/Adaptive Technology Research Centre (IDI/ATRC) has as its primary and overarching goal to perform research dedicated to helping ensure that emerging information technology and practices are designed inclusively from the earliest stages of development. Inclusive design enables and supports the participation of the full range of human diversity. The IDI/ATRC espouses open standards—as well as open access and open source wherever possible—to distribute the results of its research as widely as possible and to encourage broad participation in its initiative through its collaborative work. All the research of the IDI/ATRC supports the principle that people with disabilities should be able to participate in the consumption and production of information, knowledge and culture.

B Summary of Actions Since the Last Report

Academic Programs
Winter Course in FI: Introduction to Inclusive Design
IDI/ATRC research is supporting at least 6 student practicums in accessibility.

Talks/Conferences/Colloquia
Collectively IDI/ATRC researchers have delivered more than 18 papers, presentations, workshops or lectures in a variety of forums around the world since November 20, 2009

Student/Post-doc involvement
IDI/ATRC currently provides research positions to 8 students.

Research Projects
The IDI/ATRC currently has 18 funded research projects (see http://atrc.utoronto.ca for descriptions and overview)
C  Planned Activities & Priorities for the Future, especially next reporting period

Jutta Treviranus has accepted a position as Professor and Director of the Inclusive Design Research Centre at the Ontario College of Art and Design. The position is to begin on July 1, 2010. UofT and OCAD have begun discussions regarding the transition of research projects and research staff. Upon the agreement of UofT Research Services and OCAD all new funding applications since January 2010 have been sought through other academic appointments held by Jutta Treviranus at other faculties at UofT or at OCAD.

D  Operational Summary
IDI/ATRC projected revenue for 2009/10 - $2,882,362
IDI/ATRC projected expenditures for 2009/10 - $2,882,362

The following staff conversions (from casual) have happened since the IDI/ATRC EDU:C was established:
Golam Chowdhury
James Yoon
Jorge Silva
Jamon Camisso
Justin Obara

Research Projects and new funding: see above (since Nov 20, 2009 additional funding has been secured through the Mellon Foundation as a partner in the OLE project, the Enabling Change Program of MCSS, as a partner in an NSERC grant, and as a partner in a Ministry of Education project. A major proposal has also been invited by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.)

E: Other

It is the sincere hope of IDI/ATRC members that, despite the upcoming transition, collaborative arrangements can be put into place to continue student engagement and faculty member partnership in the research of the IDI/ATRC. It is also hoped that arrangements can be made to collaboratively offer academic programs in inclusive design.