**Desert Region Hot Topics:**

Notes from Desert Region discussion at Dean’s Meeting

Overarching theme centered around building a culture of assessment in our respective Library departments, particularly challenges with Library faculty resistance to adoption of initiatives. How to make assessment a faculty-driven, organic effort rather than something that is imposed? Communication challenges such as who decides what databases a Library carries: is this a group decision, open for feedback or responsibility of one person?

Library facility use issues, Library classroom being used for credit courses (non-library) and negative impact on orientations.

Our region has not been active as a group so we also discussed holding a meeting, teleconferencing to reactivate some connectivity between those in Desert Region.