

**RUresearch Data Team
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Present: Kalaivani Ananthan, Isaiah Beard, John Brennan, Bonnie Fong, Karen Hartman, Ron Jantz, Yu-Hung Lin, Aletia Morgan, Laura Palumbo, Minglu Wang, Ann Watkins, Ryan Womack, Yini Zhu

1) Informational Items

- a. Ryan Womack will be leading presentations on Data Management topics during the fall semester, and would be willing to work with selectors on outreach to their departments. These sessions will be held in 413 Alexander library, at 1:10 – 2:30pm on the following Thursdays:
 - i. 10/9 Data Management Best Practices
 - ii. 10/23 Data Management Planning and Data Sharing
 - iii. 10/30 Reproducible Research
- b. Aletia reminded the group of our ARL webinar, “**Introduction to Data Management Plans**” that was shown on May 27. The recording is available to us at <http://learningtimeevents.org/acrl/an-introduction-to-data-management-plans/>. Please contact Aletia for the password.
- c. Aletia noted that she is still in regular contact with the leadership in the Office of Research and Economic Development (formerly OVPR), and has been attending the monthly Research Facilitators’ meetings. She reminded the group that there is an opportunity to develop short newsletter items from the library for the ORED bi-weekly email newsletter. In the course of the conversation, two topics that might be suitable for such a piece would be Data Curation as well as Data Management Planning.
- d. Laura Palumbo reminded the group about the ALCTS Webinar: Faculty Buy-In for Institutional Repository and Open-Access Publishing, available for viewing at 2pm on Wednesday, September 24 in the Pane Room.

2) Update from the RUL Research Data Task Force

Laura Palumbo offered an update on the membership and charge of the RUL Research Data Task Force, which is working to perform a survey of research data management support services and research data repository services among a sample of peer and aspirant institutions. The environmental scan is essentially complete. By the end of 2014, the task force will submit a proposed set of services and procedures for further review.

3) Proposed 2014-2015 RUresearch Team Initiatives

- a. The group discussed possible opportunities to highlight the RUresearch Data Portal and research data services in advance of a formal service rollout. Aletia

and Ryan reported that Grace Agnew had suggested developing some short case study articles about the existing RUresearch collections, that could be featured on the RUresearch Portal web page. The group thought that this would be a good thing to develop following the completion of the RUL Research Data Task force, to avoid attracting interest in RUresearch before we have the clear mandate to ingest research data. We don't want to risk having to say no, if we are asked for support.

- b. RUresearch Portal Practicum Project. There was interest among the group in going ahead with a practicum project that would allow the group to go through the process of developing metadata and ingesting datasets from the Eagleton Poll Archive into RUcore. A key question before we start any activities is to determine the anticipated functionality, and how the data could be organized to be most useful. Right now, the existing Eagleton Poll Archive (managed by RUL) allows for some interactive analysis and crosstabs. At this point, RUcore cannot support that function, although it could be something for future consideration. Ron and Aletia will look into this further and go from there.

4) **RUresearch Team Leadership**

With the new semester, the previous term of RUresearch Team chair was complete. Previously, the term of the chair has been understood to be two years. While it's possible that the structure of the RUresearch Team might evolve pending the outcome of the RUL Research Data Task Force activities, the members present agreed to continue with the two-year term for the chair of the group. Ryan Womack was nominated to another two year term. There were no other nominations, and the vote to renew Ryan's chairmanship was unanimous.

Once the RUL Research Data Task Force activities are complete, we will want to look at the charge and composition of the group, in case there might be clarifications of its mission and processes.

5) **Future Meetings**

For the remainder of the current academic year, RUresearch Team meetings will be scheduled for the Third Thursday of each month, from 2-4pm.