Cyberinfrastructure Steering Committee Minutes
August 15, 2007

Present: Grace Agnew, chair; Kalaivani Ananthan; Isaiah Beard; Ron Jantz; Rhonda Marker; Chad Mills; Ann Montanaro, recorder; Mary Beth Weber. Eric Marshall and Dave Hoover, guests.

Excused: John Brennan

1. Visit from Virginia Tech.

Virginia Tech IT and library personnel will be at Rutgers on Tuesday, August 21 to learn about Rutgers implementation of Fedora. Ron Jantz will prepare the day-long program with presentations by Grace, Ron, Kalaivani, and Jeffery Triggs. Other Rutgers participants are: Isaiah Beard, Shaun Ellis, Dave Hoover, Chad Mills, Li Sun, Rhonda Marker, and Mary Beth Weber. Ann will order coffee for the morning break and lunch.

2. Shibboleth.

Eric Marshall, Associate Director for Research Technology at OIRT, discussed Shibboleth and gave an introductory slide presentation. Shibboleth is server software that manages user access across organizations and requires two Shibboleth servers to communicate - an identity provider and a service provider. In a managed environment, a user is authenticated and then the Shibboleth software passes attributes to authorize the user to a managed resource without passing local attributes to the resource. If the NJVid grant is funded, Rutgers will implement Shibboleth for the project.

3. RUcore releases

Ron reviewed the RUcore changes and enhancements scheduled for the next releases. (See attached) WMS for the Library of Congress and partners will be a separate release in September. Other 5.0 changes will be implemented in mid to late fall. Releases 5.1 and 6 are scheduled for 2008.

4. Testing plan for WMS

Kalaivani discussed the testing plan for the new version of WMS. KA will send the URL tour test server with login information to the partners to preview and to test the open source version on our server. In early September the partners will get a copy of the code, WMS configuration file, and a script to create the database. RUL testing team will test the software from August 22nd to August 30th. The WMS System Administrator will test the schema builder and system policies. Metadata managers will test the controlled vocabulary, required elements, and the template. Metadata creators will test the creation, editing, and deleting of metadata.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 1:30.