CYBER-INFRASTRUCTURE STEERING COMMITTEE (CISC)
Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2014

Present

Grace Agnew, Chair	Peter Konin	Jane Otto
Kalaivani Ananthan	Yu-Hung Lin	Tibor Purger
Isaiah Beard	Rhonda Marker	Caryn Radick
John Brennan	Chad Mills	Mary Beth Weber
Ron Jantz	Aletia Morgan	Krista White

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Fengzhi Fan
Linda Langschied

RUcore Statistics
Otto recently attended a meeting where RUcore ETD download statistics were discussed. There was a concern since some ETD download numbers seemed high. Mills said the statistics do not count harvesting done by search engines; they only display actual file downloads. Mills also said in the Software Architecture meetings the group has been discussing the problem of unusual download amounts emanating from a single IP address. However, these comprise less than .1% of all downloads. Agnew asked if we should limit the number of downloads for a single item from a specific IP address. Discussion followed and the group tentatively agreed that a limit should be established: 10 downloads of a single item from a specific IP address over 24 hours. This will be applied to all RUcore resources, not just ETDs. Mills said new utilities need to be built to accommodate this. This enhancement will be incorporated into an upcoming RUcore release. An auditing function will be also be added over time.

Agnew and Marker will craft statements about the RUcore download policy and how RUcore generates and gathers statistics. These will reside in the RUcore policy statements section of the website.

At the next CISC meeting the group will review the current RUcore release schedule to determine any shifts in prioritization.

AUL Update
Agnew said progress continues with Kuali OLE (OLE). She mentioned Gracemary Smulewitz attended OLE presentations by two libraries at the recent ALA conference. Smulewitz said the demoes were good, although it was unclear which financial systems the software works with. University of Chicago will go live with version 1.5 on July 11 and Lehigh University will follow on July 27. By June 2015 both libraries expect to use OLE for their fiscal rollover.

The software is expected to be 70%-80% workable by June 2015 with more enhancements on the near horizon. Although no firm decisions have been reached VALID is addressing the possibility of shared circulation and cataloging uses. It is feasible that in addition to a statewide implementation individual universities will do their own customized implementations. For example, members of VALID might share modules which directly benefit the user experience, but maintain separate financial and patron modules.

Agnew said VuFind will be the front end for statewide cataloging. RUL will install VuFind and OLE this summer to begin detailed preparations for future conversion. The intent is to get people used to the new look and feel prior to the full-blown OLE implementation. It was also noted Purger, Weber, Smulewitz, and Joseph Deodato are on the steering committee for holdings and cataloging records. The preliminary schedule is the software will be implemented at RUL during the summer of 2015. Agnew, Purger, and Chris Sterback will meet offline to discuss how to proceed.

Agnew recently attended a Metadata Working Group (MDWG) meeting. The discussion focused upon cleaning up RUcore documentation. MDWG will also develop a glossary of terms.

Conference Reports
Several people recently attended conferences and gave reports.

Weber attended ALA. She went to an OCLC Research Partner Manager Group presentation. They spoke about a linked data survey they were doing, syncing metadata across multiple databases, and research identifiers. Another session discussed libraries role in publishing hybrid journals including financial considerations, rights permissions, distribution rights, and open access.

Mills attended Open Repositories. He saw Fedora 4.0 beta presentations. 4.0 can apply linked data to all objects and has substantially enhanced performance. 4.0 will only be offered to new Fedora implementers, but the subsequent version (4.1) will be offered to all Fedora shops. 4.1 will also include migration tools. Agnew asked Marker and Purger to have Jeffrey Triggs, Jie Geng, and Yang Yu look at Fedora 4.0 is greater depth.

Mills also attended a Hydra as middleware presentation. He said there are not many new features, mostly a repackaging of what they already offer. Interest noticeably waned in Hydra as the conference continued since Hydra is not widely used in Europe.

Marker attended ALA. She went to a "Big Heads" meeting where they discussed the efforts to integrate two library technical services operations over the past three years (Columbia and Cornell). Among the difficulties and complexities they encountered were how to manage people at remote locations. Additionally, a career development expert from the University of Texas spoke about his experience converting technical services operations. The challenges included financial constraints, efficiency concerns, collaborative cooperation, and digital centric functions.

At the request of Mary Fetzer Marker attended the CIC Heads of Government Publications group presentation. Their discussion ranged from the Hathi Trust to a shared print repository for government documents. Rutgers will chair this group in 2024. Other sessions she attended included those on crowdsourcing, effective presentation communication, and Bib Frame.

Radick and White attended the Digital Humanities conference. Radick gave a presentation where she spoke about digital humanities projects at RUL. White gave an ontology server presentation where she demoed the analytic tool and discussed potential future collaborations.

Title Index and Display
Marker said the display stream for titles (title, sub-title) varies across different portals. There are numerous reasons for this. Making it consistent across all portals should be the goal. She said it is an easy fix. No objections were raised and approval to move forward was given.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2014 at 10:00 in the Technical Services Building conference room.

Submitted by John Brennan
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