User Services and Applications Working Group
Minutes - November 20, 2007
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1. State of the Libraries: The showcases that we presented for State of the Libraries were well received. Both the Faculty Deposit services and the RUcore "extension services" generated a lot of interest. Kudos to Karen, Triveni and Rebecca for their preparation and the eye-catching sign. Thank you also to Kalaivani and Linda for helping out at the event.

2. Review of Faculty Deposit module: We reviewed the current Faculty Deposit module and reported some errors and minor changes. Some of the changes might get into the upcoming release.

Bug 576: When in the Faculty Deposit module, clicking on the RUcore icon or "home" results in an error. This has been reported.
Bug 577: We provided the list of individual Libraries units that should be mapped to the single "Rutgers University Libraries Faculty" collection. This had been discussed in other Cyberinfrastructure committees/working groups, and US&A WG enumerated the 12 individual units. After the change has been made in WMS/Fedora, Kalaivani and Rhonda will clean up existing collections and objects.
Bug 578: We asked that the elements now listed under the "Add More Description" button be put on the main metadata page in the Faculty Deposit module to create a single page. Feedback from users and librarians indicates that this button is easily overlooked. Adding these few additional elements, mostly pertaining to subject keywords and journal citation information, gives faculty a place to record this information. The WG concluded that the page is still short and "user-friendly."

The WG discussed the dilemma of faculty who have fuller information about their object that they want to include in the record. One possibility is to provide a button for them to check off to indicate that they would like to include more information. However, following up individually with this could easily become unsustainable. We also did not want to add more metadata elements unless we saw greater demand for it from multiple users. In the meantime, additional information can be included in the Abstract/Description element.