

User Services and Applications Working Group
Minutes – May 22, 2008

Present: Rhonda Marker (co-chair), Karen Hartman, Rebecca Gardner, Jim Niessen

Absent: Kalaivani Ananthan, Linda Langschied

We will schedule one meeting for June and one meeting for July using Doodle. An August meeting (or two meetings) will be scheduled if necessary to complete our work.

One WG activity that has never been fully developed has been the role of WG members to facilitate library liaison engagement with RUcore. We agreed that this topic needs attention. We have been kept busy with actual development of the repository and user tools.

RUcore FAQ and Policies: CSC is developing an RUcore policies document. User Services has begun working on an FAQ that addresses more specific questions, but in a classic chicken-and-egg scenario is depending on a general policies document to which the FAQ can refer. The WG asked that CSC forward the latest version of its draft so that we have an idea of the scope and level of detail that is included in the policies. We noted that the RUetd collaboration has its own FAQ on its submission page. We discussed the ideal web page location for our RUcore FAQ. We need a volunteer(s) to complete a draft FAQ that the Working Group can review in June or July.

Requirements for RUcore Search and Display: As a result of brainstorming, we added some requirements for the next RUcore release. They include:

- Include Name (the first name listed?) as one of the elements displayed in the Search Results List. This is in addition to Title, Abstract, and Date Created. This should be added for RUcore, Faculty/Departmental Collections, and RUetd.
- Allow sort on Name (Author?). This is in addition to Title, Latest Date, and Earliest Date. What should be the default sort? (Currently, it is alphabetical by Title.) This should be added for RUcore, Faculty/Departmental Collections, and RUetd.
- On Advanced Search page, list only the types of resources that we currently support in the drop-down limit list: All, Text, Image, Audio, Video, Collection. List them in the prescribed order. This should be changed for RUcore, Faculty/Departmental Collections, RUetd, and NJDH.
- On the Advanced Search page, change the default operator between the two search term boxes from OR to AND. Put this operator to the left of the search term boxes.

Requirements for Faculty Deposit Module: We will be changing the metadata collection page to accommodate the Faculty Survey and the NIH Open Access policy implementation. We plan to propose some customization of the page depending on choices made by the user in order to keep the main page as short and simple as possible, while also collecting the necessary information for specific purposes. For example, if one of the sponsoring agencies is selected, additional elements to provide a Grant Number and Grantee Name will display. Another area in which customized information could be gathered is: Journal title (display also Volume, Issue, Date of Journal, and Publisher Statement). In actually using the form to deposit articles, one WG member found that the Publisher Statement element was enigmatic. In

addition to having this element only display for Journal articles, we need to provide a better brief explanation for this element.

We need volunteers to develop our Requirements. Rhonda will email the WG with an outline of the documents that need to be worked on, and ask WG members to volunteer for one or more.