USAWG Meeting, April 3, 2014

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1. DOI required elements: abstract
   The group discussed the need to include an abstract in our metadata records in order for the DOIs for our RUcore resources to be indexed by Thomsen Reuters. In cases where there is no abstract, the field will be reported with the text, “No abstract given”.

2. Revised working group charge
   Current charge: Responsible for identifying and prioritizing applications needed to support preservation, access and services to RU faculty. Investigate existing services and applications offered by other Fedora sites for potential reuse by the RU repository. Develop an application testing plan, involving both alpha and beta testing, for both usability and functionality.

   The group discussed important changes to make to the charge. We agreed that we should communicate out (e.g., meeting minutes) to the rul_everyone email list. Like the other RUcore working groups, USAWG reports to the Cyberinfrastructure Steering Committee (CISC). Our proposed revision is:

   The User Services and Applications Working Group is charged to be responsible for identifying and prioritizing applications needed to support services, access, and preservation of repository resources to repository users, including Rutgers University faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students. The Working Group will propose and recommend new repository services as well as improvements to existing services. This could involve investigating existing services and applications offered by other repositories for potential adaptation by the RU repository. Proposals will describe outcomes and expectations that will form the basis of testing scenarios. The Working Group will also review and recommend information provided on the RUcore web pages.

   Some RUcore resources or collections are referenced in Wikipedia. Center for Women’s Global Leadership < http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Center_for_Women%27s_Global_Leadership> mentions the CWGL poster collection in RUcore. Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief < http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Committee_for_Hungarian_Refugee_Relief> references a webpage at the (Rutgers) Institute for Hungarian Studies that hosts an RUcore search portal to the “Tracy Voorhees papers”. RUcore could be a source of primary or collected information about various topics in Wikipedia. Various individuals interviewed in the China Boom video collection in RUcore have entries in Wikipedia but there are no links to the videos in RUcore. The group wondered if there are any statistics that show traffic to RUcore from Wikipedia. Because we are not using Google Analytics, we would have to look at a refer log. Rhonda and Kalaivani will try to see if we can get some statistics. [Followup: Until we have a direct link to an RUcore page or RUcore resource, we can’t tell if a visit or download is a result of a Wikipedia link. The above-mentioned links are to others’ web pages, not RUcore’s.]

4. Potential new RUcore user category: Retirees
   In general, Rutgers retirees do not have access to Rutgers University resources. They have access to library services through a barcode that is maintained within the libraries. We want retirees, especially faculty emeriti, to be able to deposit their scholarly works in RUcore. Furthermore, we want retired faculty scholarly works to be associated with the unit they formerly were associated with. Rhonda sent a
query to Rutgers OIT about the possibility of retired faculty applying for a netID, and received a reply that retirees can be given an email address, but they cannot obtain a netID. We concluded that we need more information, and that this might come from a discussion at CISC or Software Architecture.

5. Committee composition
We will add Jane to the USAWG list on the RUcore pages.

Agenda items tabled for the next meeting:
“Restrict Access to Rutgers” – what do we mean, exactly?
Additional My Account and Faculty Deposit features
On-screen statistics message for embargoed objects: “This resource has not been downloaded.”

Our next meeting will be held on May 8.