RUcore User Services and Applications Working Group (USAWG)
Minutes of the meeting on October 2, 2014

Present: Kalaivani Ananthan, Leslin Charles, Adriana Cuervo (audio), Kayo Denda, Joseph Deodato, Linda Langschied (co-chair), Rhonda Marker (co-chair, recorder)

Excused: Jim Niessen

1. The agenda was amended to add RUcore feature request as our first item, and to next discuss RUcore testing.

2. RUcore feature request.
    In August 2014, a user entered a feature request to eliminate a click in order to download, print, and email selected items. The description of the item reads: "Once a user selects some records using the checkboxes, s/he expects to see options for downloading, printing, emailing, etc. Instead, the user must intuit that s/he must click the 'x Selected Items' button to see those options. Users may not think to do that, and even if they do, it's an extra click that seems unnecessary. See Science Direct (http://www.sciencedirect.com) for another way to put choices closer to the marked boxes. One less click would be good. You can mark and then email or print, etc on one page." The developer asked USAWG to review this issue.

    The Working Group affirmed that we want the share-print-email option on the Search Results page, in addition to having it on the "Review [n-number] Selected Items" page. This is consistent with the original Select Items specification (R 7.3 – Select Items – Deodato – 8/01/13 < https://rucore.libraries.rutgers.edu/collab/ref/spc_sawg_r7_3_select_items.pdf>). We updated the issue in "software.libraries" and posted it for implementation in the next release (R7.6).

3. RUcore Release 7.5 testing: schedule and USAWG role
    Kalaivani asked for USAWG help to test the next release of RUcore. There are many new user features in this release. Users can now export items in four citation formats. My Profile includes a bibliography of a scholar's works in RUcore. It is possible to search by date range in SOAR. We also will automatically block suspicious downloading activity. The first testing session is October 16 in IHL 415 (10 a.m.). All are encouraged to join the testing group.

4. Webinar: Faculty Buy-In for Institutional Repository and Open-Access
    There was a good discussion after the webinar on September 24. Those present agreed that Open Access policies and repositories such as RUcore are good means for keeping up with scholarship. They affirmed the proactive role of liaisons in successful repositories, and the need to make distinct connections with the University strategic plan. The Working Group would like to help liaisons be better informed about open access and RUcore. Some ideas that came up during brainstorming were: lightning talks, focus on retired or soon-to-retire faculty (though the authentication of retired faculty needs work on the technical side), focus on tenure track faculty, and methods of following up with liaisons on what we do and things they should know. We plan to develop an online link with information for liaisons, including a handout/brochure they can download, and perhaps a video or presentation that they can use. Adriana and Rhonda will do some background work on this. We also would like to do some user testing with faculty to get feedback about the deposit process. Joseph will follow up with liaisons to recruit faculty for a "think aloud" recorded session (for internal study purposes).

5. Open Access Week: USAWG role?
   We had offered to assist the Committee on Scholarly Communication with Open Access Week (October 20-26) events, but no outreach was organized by CSC. There will be a webinar on October 21 open to RUL librarians and staff: "SHARE, CHORUS, and Open Access: What you need to know" (presented by Choice/ACRL). Next year, we hope to form a special group in the spring to begin organizing around OA Week.

6. RUcore web page improvements
   We will reorganize the front page of RUcore into Collections and Services. We will build services in RUcore including statistics, bibliography, and an editorial component: news, new submissions, and so forth. Many of these are being built on the "SOAR" page that is devoted to [faculty and graduate student] scholarly submissions, but we want to expand it to include all RUcore content.
   - About pages: content for researchers / contributors /developers
   - Includes a list of "digitization" projects
   - Move WAAND off the page; it is being hosted by the Institute for Women & Art

7. Our next meeting is November 13, moving to the second Thursday of each month.