

Council on Libraries and Information Technology  
January 17, 2008

Minutes

Present: Joseph Branin, Karen Bruns, Roy Joshua, Meri Meredith, Greg Smith, Les Tannenbaum, Michael Veres

Absent: Daniel Avorgbedor, Theodore Bauer, Fritz Graf, Michael Hemmelgarn, Kenneth Pearlman, Kathleen Wallace

Guests: Joanne Dehoney, Celeste Feather, Bob Kalal

1. NSF Datanet Proposal

Call for proposals for scientific data curation from the NSF. The Libraries responded in partnership with Batelle, the OSU Department of Chemistry, the Byrd Polar Research Center, the Ohio Supercomputer Center, and Wright State University. The proposal addresses gathering, storing, and preserving scientific data. The proposal addressed sustainability as well, since that is a key concern. There would be a technical component to support the deposit of research data, plus a research office to work with faculty to understand research flows and develop services to make the deposit of data an easy process. A preliminary proposal was submitted in early January, and if accepted a full proposal will be due in March.

The Libraries have hired three new faculty members with advanced degrees in the sciences who will be obtaining their library science degree in the next two years. The Libraries see a new role in the campus community of working to store and preserve digital data, and hope that these new staff members will be able to use their expertise in research methods to work with faculty and make progress in this area.

2. Winter Quarter Agenda

February - CIO Search update, Author's Rights

March – OSU Pro, Social and Professional Networking

Spring - Open source software as it complements proprietary licensed software used in the classroom, information mapping

3. Thompson Renovation and SEL Facility Planning

Ryan Langhurst, Libraries project manager, spoke about the work going on at the Thompson Library and the planning for the SEL facility. Thompson is on schedule and the building is almost closed in so that the interior finishing work can begin. Approximately 100 workers are on site every day. We are within 5 million of the 30 million dollar goal for Libraries fundraising.

Major parts of the Science and Engineering Library are being redesigned, with a special focus on the third floor. A café will be located on the first floor. Offices will be relocated within the

building, and the Digital Union will be expanded. The larger goal is to improve learning spaces. An architect has been hired and design work is underway, to be completed in March. Completion of the project is slated for December, 2008. Potential collaborative activities under exploration for inclusion are tutoring services, a writing center, and a usability lab.

4. Future Meetings

Thursday, February 14, 11:00-12:30 in the Science and Engineering Library Room 390

Thursday, March 6, 11:00-12:30 in the Digital Union