

Digital Initiatives Steering Committee
August 6, 2008
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Members present: Beth Black, Wes Boomgaarden, Tom Cetwinski, Tschera Connell, Nena Couch, Yossi Galron, Mary Hamburger, Dan Noonan, Sally Rogers, Beth Whittaker

Guests (for part of meeting): Karen Markey, Xing-xing Yao, University of Michigan

1. OhioLINK Digital Resources Management Committee (DRMC) update.

Beth Black and Nena Couch attended the July 23 meeting at which John Davison and Keith Gilbertson, OhioLINK systems developers, were present. The meeting's objective was to explore areas of technology collaboration among DSpace-user members, which include Youngstown State, Ohio State, Wright State, Oberlin and Marietta. Reportedly a batch-ingest tool is to be built to assist in institution-driven, de-centralized metadata harvesting and shared indexing. Each institution's repository is to be branded appropriately, with style sheets to improve presentation. Concerns center around the persistence of Knowledge Bank URL; loading challenges; and collaboration among partners. A federated-type searching capability is sought. Next actions: an examination of written code by developers, and how open the system will be to others in OhioLINK.

2. *the Lantern* imaging effort

Amy McCrory is traveling this week visiting Brechin Imaging in Ottawa, Canada, the location of our vendor's imaging firm's subcontractor. Questions asked – but not answered -- by DISC include:

- Will OliveSoft™ host the site permanently?
- What is the nature of the back-ups? (XML and tiff?)
- What is the status of the August 1997+ web-based *Lantern*? What future does a paper version of *the Lantern* have on campus?
- When can a sample of *the Lantern* in digital format be forwarded to Michigan for testing of the storage at the CIC shared digital repository (SDR)?

3. Digital imaging guidelines

Prior to her travel, Amy suggested that DISC members look at her updated document at: http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/witmockup_sand/digital-imaging-guidelines.php which is what DISC did. As she indicated, "feel free to send comments or questions to this list."

4. CIC Digital Collections conference (Beth B.)

Beth represented Ohio State at this August 4-5 CIC conference held in Chicago. Related to the CIC Google imaging effort. Beth also reported on several Google imaging and

quality-assurance details that are covered by our non-disclosure agreement, and are not described here.

5. Discussion with guests Karen Markey and Xing-xing Yao

Karen Markey and Xing-xing Yao, from the University of Michigan School of Information, visited Ohio State Aug. 4-6 with regard to the IMLS-funded MIRACLE project (research on institutional repositories). They joined with DISC to hear our DISC perspectives on our methods of operation. (For more information on MIRACLE, see <http://miracle.si.umich.edu/about/news.html>) DISC members responded with information and observations about DISC's value as a team approach; the centrality of the Knowledge Bank and DSpace to our DISC mission; the role of OhioLINK and OSU sites for delivery of certain kinds of content; limitation of the Knowledge Bank for certain types of images; the role of Media Manager on campus; the KB and DSpace role in preservation; interacting with contributors; and other topics.

6. Other

Next meeting: Sept. 3, 2008

Agenda items: METS (Tschera)

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