

DISC 6-3-09

Present: Beth Black, Wes Boomgaarden (co-chair), Tschera Connell, Nena Couch, Joseph Galron, Dan Noonan, Amy McCrory, Nancy O'Hanlon, Sally Rogers (co-chair and minutes), Mary Scott, Beth Whittaker
Guest: Ruth Gallegos-Samuels

1. DISC membership changes

Nancy O'Hanlon's last meeting – term expires 6/30/09
Florian Diekmann has volunteered to serve on DISC starting 7/1/09 (but will miss the 7/1 meeting due to a special project he is doing at the National Agriculture Library)

2. Update on *The Lantern*

John Milliken (director of operations), Tom O'Hara (faculty advisor), and Jay Smith (webmaster) from *The Lantern* met with Amy about their interest in generating revenue from the digitized archive to help *The Lantern* be self supporting. They asked how the Libraries deliver copyrighted digital publications to users. They thought there might be a model that could be followed for *The Lantern*. Amy explained that commercial publications are licensed from database vendors who bundle together electronic versions, which are different from publishers' online versions of their own products.

Discussed ownership and whether there was a formal business agreement for the project. No-- had been discussed, but no desire on part of previous manager of The Lantern to have one. Scanning was to be from microform so thought we could do what we wished with that. Regarding intellectual property rights, John Milliken said that various University lawyers might have different opinions about this. Trisha Davis has said that there is only one OSU attorney responsible for intellectual property issues. Dan questioned whether *The Lantern* might come under public records law, in which case could not charge for it. Amy said could not put ads into Olive software without a lot of reengineering. There is a Google service that harvests free sites and puts up some parts with ads.

Wes thought the issue should be discussed with OAA because both *The Lantern* and the Libraries report to OAA. Sally noted it could be referred to the Copyright Ctte which has representation from Legal Affairs and Technology Licensing and Commercialization. Amy said there was brief discussion with the webmaster on preservation of the digital *Lantern*. DISC agreed a written agreement should be created at start of projects. Yossi asked what about other University publications (for future reference).

Action items: Wes will discuss with Joe raising the issue with OAA. Amy will provide some background info.

3. Mapping and Charting Lab Tech reports

The reports were done in 40s, 50s, early 60s under contract with Air Force – many were classified (now declassified) research on satellite tracking. Geodetic science. Only 10 are cataloged. OnStar was developed out of this research by someone in Math Dept. Scholars have come from around the world to use the reports. OSU has multiple copies of each report. All have been delivered to Amy. Mary has talked with Melanie McGurr who is ready to clean up the catalog records (call number errors) and catalog the rest of the reports. Amy not able to sort them – Mary will have to. There are maps too. Historical research value and might be only extant copies. One copy we have came from Wright Patterson. No idea where originals are.

Copies are browning, type is uneven, combination of typed and handwritten scientific formulas/symbols. Amy did grayscale scan that improved the look of the page but did not OCR well. She checked with vendors -- most would rekey all, scan the handwritten parts and paste together. Vendors can't provide an estimate until we sort out and have one complete set in order to give them detailed information (e.g., what percent is equations, broken text, etc.). Set of 290 reports but not sure that is the actual number. Rough estimate is \$25,000 to digitize (\$1.40 per 1000 characters, estimated 2000 characters per page so \$2.50-\$3.00 per page). Mary will look for money to help pay for this.

Mary would need to talk with faculty about searching needed, whether needs to look like original. Some of reports are translations of major Russian publications. It is grad students that have been contacting Mary. Nancy questioned whether we could satisfy needs in another way if had better catalog records. Wes – if set were available to buy, how much would we be willing to spend. For a long time OSU's Ph.D. program in geodetic science was the only such program in the US. Suggested that Mary talk with researchers about the idea to assess interest and determine what functionality they would need.

Mary will sort the reports and make one set and get that to Cataloging. Once in WorldCat, can see what type of response we get. Mary has not found any other copies in WorldCat. Can make 2 complete sets from what we have. Many reports were generated for Wright Patterson and deposited there. Mary recalls having contacted the librarian there but that person could not find any copies.

Action items: follow up by Mary as detailed above

4. DISC/Assessment subcommittee report

Nancy, Nena, and Mary were on the subcommittee along with Ruth (before and after her leave) and Kathy Hall. Tschera and Melanie Schlosser served as consultants. Appreciative Inquiry was used. See the report and appendices in the DISC group space (in DISC documents folder). Recommended enhancements clustered around the theme of

communications. There is confusion over what the Knowledge Bank is (umbrella concept or repository), what is a digital exhibit vs. digital project. Could look at what other libraries are doing or seek outside consultation on how to clarify. Distinctions are meaningful to us but maybe not to our customers. Delivery and presentation are what matters to them.

Tschera thinks to most people Knowledge Bank means our DSpace instance, so maybe it is the umbrella name that needs to change. UIUC has repository IDEALS and a digital publishing arm under Scholarly Communications Office. Report recommended: "Identify 2-3 specific measurable outcomes related to key communications recommendations that will be accomplished in the next year." Tschera suggested DISC think of 2-3 things and KB Trio also will do this and bring to DISC. Consider for July DISC meeting. Opportunity to clarify role of DISC vs. KB Trio. Sally noted really talking about a set of services the lib provides – needs a name, but have to wait for new leadership to really decide and market the larger concept. But could decide what we think.

Tschera is getting questions -- Beth B. will recheck web site to find where going to Tschera and re-route to Ruth as appropriate. New OSUL web site will have links to our digital services. Before July mtg, Tschera will send links to what has been, is being developed.

Action item: DISC (for 7/1 meeting) and KB Trio - consider 2-3 specific measurable outcomes related to key communications recommendations in DISC/Assessment Subcommittee report that will be accomplished in the next year

5. Revisiting proposal to scan selected Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station (OAES/OARDC) bulletin series

- Need to clarify timing with CIC – special docs project vs. waiting until Google is ready to scan all of the items selected from OSU.
- Are there fold outs? Will be all bitonal – Amy thinks Connie understands. Doesn't think anything is oversized. Thinks could be done quickly.
- Connie to meet with her administration at OARDC about the idea of Google scanning the reports
- Should we think of engineering experimentation reports from OSU – should ask?

Action item: Sally will follow up with CIC, Connie Britton, and Trisha Davis on the timing and rights issues.

6. Prioritization of projects by SRI

Doing everything as it comes in – have made processes more efficient over time (e.g., pulling catalog data and putting it into KB in automated way). Have reorganized dept for

streamlining. Spend much time waiting for communities to get back to us. If there are specific deadlines – such as ability to have students submit posters by end of quarter or support molecular spectroscopy conference at OSU – drop everything to focus on meeting that deadline. Currently, prioritization not a big issue. KB Trio (Tschera, Beth B., Ruth) meets on Friday mornings and then follow up is done by email with those working on projects to check status. If get more than can handle, will come up with different strategy.

7. DRMC update

Nena was out of town for April meeting. Kyle attended.

- John discussed ETID (Educational Technology Initiatives Division) - state's new umbrella group
- Still working on documentation of backup procedures and are pretty confident
- Demo'd remote batchload but have not implemented yet.
- Demo'd movie images in one DSpace item
- On the listserv, there was a question about formatting of text in abstract and description fields
- Linda Newman at UC shared agency grant opportunities list. CLIR Hidden collections – maybe should look at this for Mary's maps and charts because sounds hidden.
- John circulated draft list of DRC development goals for next 12-18 months, including to become largest DSpace repository. Amy thought if we have input, should encourage emphasis on equipment and infrastructure first. Had to scramble to find things in directories on OL servers – a problem with the EAD project always getting lost when work done on servers. Better understanding or better communication needed. But specifically DRC development goals Nena said.
- Amy – still working on panning and zooming – do we want to put up Mills Atlas now or wait for new service? Know when it will be available? Beth B. talked with John Davison at Open Repositories. She suggested not waiting. One issue is how to brand it. KB Trio was asked some months ago to look at this but still struggling. Another instance of DSpace at OL because of different functionality or port that functionality to OSU's DSpace? Amy will tell them to go ahead with Mills – won't be zooming but will be able to download big file and click on plus and see details. Is going into the general DRC, which is fine because it is Ohio. Nena said Forestry has been moved from DMC to DRC. Tschera said handle is a big issue for users.

Action item: Nena will circulate grant opportunities and DRC goals and to DISC.

8. Next meeting – July 1

Agenda items:

- Preservation metadata and file formats – decision matrix (Amy, Dan). Tschera received question from community if we want PDF-A or PDF.
- KB toolkit and follow up from DISC Assessment Subctte report