

Library Management Team

Notes from the January 31, 2007 meeting

Attending: Lee Cartmill, Joanne Davenport, Elaine Engst, Anne Kenney, Susan Markowitz, Ellen Marsh, Janet McCue, Jean Poland, John Saylor, Sarah Thomas, Ed Weissman. Guests: Oya Rieger, Kornelia Tancheva

Sarah introduced Joanne Davenport, the Interim Director of Library Alumni Affairs and Development, who attended her first meeting with the Library Management Team. This was Sarah's last LMT meeting.

1) Information Fluency Team proposed next steps

Kornelia Tancheva, chair of the Priority Objective #3 Information Fluency Team, presented the Team's proposed next steps. The Team's *Interim Report and Proposed Next Steps* will be posted on the Team's website. <<http://www.library.cornell.edu/staffweb/PriorityObjectives/3/>>. While the Team had hoped to partner with UC Berkeley on a proposal to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation or another granting agency as a follow-up to Berkeley's Mellon-funded Institute and Library/Faculty Fellowship for Undergraduate Research (recommendations #1 and #2), it turns out that Berkeley is still assessing its efforts to date and is not quite ready to do this. At the same time, Berkeley is willing to host a workshop this summer to train Cornell representatives. LMT endorsed the Team's recommendation that it prepare a proposal for a Mellon Foundation Officers Grant for a 2-3 day pilot version of the summer institute at Berkeley for selected Cornell librarians, instructional technology staff, administrators and faculty. Sarah said that it is important to involve Michele Moody-Adams as a way of demonstrating Cornell administrative interest and involvement. She thanked Kornelia and the Team for its ongoing efforts.

2) CommonSpot implementation and training (30 min.)

Oya Rieger provided some historical background on CommonSpot implementation in the Library. This information is available at the CommonSpot at Cornell University Library web site <<http://commonspot.library.cornell.edu/cs/>>. CommonSpot is a software tool for developing web sites. Oya noted that CommonSpot is of greatest value for sites with multiple content providers and that the "learning curve" is steep. Setting up new sites is labor intensive. Also, with the availability of new tools, such as wikis, for managing content, CommonSpot is now one of several options.

There are currently 8 CommonSpot based web sites in production (Albert R. Mann Library, Asia Collection, Kroch Library, Collection Development, CommonSpot at Cornell University Library, Digital Content Delivery Platforms, Library Technical Services, Public Services Administration, and Transition to Fatherhood Project) and eleven more in development (see <<http://commonspot.library.cornell.edu/cs/sites.cfm>>.) Digital Library and Information Technologies (DLIT) and Discovery Systems and Services (DSS) have been working together in managing the application, setting policies, running the system, and offering introductory training and consultancy. Other web development aspects such as design and architecture development have been distributed involving different staff members for each site. LMT agreed that it needs to review web development and maintenance needs system wide and decide on the appropriate level of central support.

3) Announcements

Sarah read the American Library Association Council's resolution in honor of Ross Atkinson. ([A copy](#) is attached to these notes.) We will find a suitable location for displaying the resolution.

Elaine announced that on Thursday, February 8 in 2B Kroch there will be a reception and lecture to celebrate the opening of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) records and the online exhibit. See the press release at

<<http://www.news.cornell.edu/pressoffice1/Feb07/gay.rights.exhibit.shtml>>.

Ellen reported that Library Communications is developing a Cornell Library Store. Ellen welcomes input on items that would be of interest. Items will be sold in conjunction with the opening of the Ezra Cornell exhibition on March 8.

Edward Weissman