

Library Management Team
Notes from the June 12, 2002 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Karen Calhoun, Lee Cartmill, Tom Hickerson, Anne Kenney, Janet McCue, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Ed Weissman, Marcy Rosenkrantz

1) ENCompass implementation plans

Karen reported on the status of ENCompass implementation and on plans for the expanded use of ENCompass. Now that the May Anti-Slavery Collection has been made accessible through ENCompass, the ENCompass Team recommends that it now work on using ENCompass for proprietary resources. In particular the Team recommends a phased migration of the e-Reference Collection on the Library Gateway to the ENCompass platform. The first phase would involve migrating the current e-Reference Collection metadata to ENCompass by the fall. The second phase would involve the migration of the authentication system with the goal being a fully functional implementation in January 2003. The success of this project depends on the development of rights management functionality in ENCompass which Endeavor is committed to providing. LMT discussed the risks, costs and benefits and endorsed the proposal. Karen will report back in November on the progress the Team has made.

2) Computer Science Technical Reports Implementation

Tom reported on the successful implementation of the Computer Science Technical Reports system. Tech Reports was derived from the system the Library developed for Project Euclid, an implementation of the Dienst Protocol developed by Cornell Computer Science. Tech Reports is a distributed repository system that could also be used for other grey literature. Marcy ran a demonstration of Tech Reports. LMT discussed the potential of CS Tech Reports to serve as an institutional repository. Since there is an internal grant project on grey literature, LMT will ask the project team to evaluate and report on the applicability of CS Tech Reports for Cornell University literature in general. Jean will serve as the LMT liaison to the internal grant project team.

3) Staff ID badges

LMT discussed a recommendation from an IRIS Transition Team Task Force chaired by John Dean that library staff wear identification badges. The Task Force was looking into the problem of food consumption in the Library. The Task Force believes that the badges will provide staff with authority in patrons' eyes and will serve to identify staff for patrons who may want to ask a question or report a problem. LMT expressed interest in this but also some concerns and decided not to endorse the proposal at this time.

Edward Weissman