

Library Management Team
Notes from February 16, 2005 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Karen Calhoun, Lee Cartmill, Tom Hickerson (by phone), Anne Kenney, Janet McCue, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Ed Weissman
Guest: Susan Markowitz

1) Announcements

Ross announced that Peter Suber, a leading advocate for open access publishing of scholarly work, will speak on 'What can universities do to promote open access?' on Thursday, March 17 at 10 am. Ross asked LMT to invite key faculty and to let him know about who was being invited.

Janet announced that she had been appointed by the Provost to serve on the Life in the Age of the Genome Task Force. Sarah will serve on the Wisdom in the Age of Digital Information Task Force.

2) CUL Consulting Policy

Susan Markowitz introduced for LMT review a draft CUL Consulting Policy for Academic Staff. She said the impetus for developing this policy is that there are many requests for consulting arrangements made by academic staff across the Library and a need for consistency in handling these requests. Policies have been written for Cornell faculty and for the ILR Extension staff. The Academic Assembly Personnel Policy Committee created the first draft after looking at the existing Cornell policies as well as at policies developed for librarians at Princeton and Pittsburgh. This draft policy considers consulting broadly. Teaching a course at Cornell or elsewhere, teaching workshops, and serving on boards are all considered consulting. In discussing the draft, LMT concluded that it was difficult to apply. A better approach might be to draft guidelines covering specific situations, e.g., teaching a course at Cornell or serving on a board, rather than trying to cover a broad range of activities with a single policy. Susan will revise the proposal, taking LMT's suggestions into account, and bring it back to LMT and then the Council of Librarians for review.

3) CommonSpot content management system

In November, LMT agreed that the Library should invest in the university wide licensing of the CommonSpot content management system. Tom recently provided a budget specifying the costs to implement CommonSpot across the Library. The budget is based on a "full bore" implementation which reflect the feeling of the implementation working group, led by Oya Rieger, and also of LMT when it discussed the issue last fall, that the payoff will be high. The Library is likely to see savings because CommonSpot will allow for more efficient web site creation and also more efficient ongoing maintenance of web sites by the content creators. CommonSpot should also lead to increased standardization of the Library's web presence. LMT reconfirmed its support for the implementation of CommonSpot.

4) Priority Objectives Implementation Teams

LMT reviewed the Digital Preservation Policy Framework, a document that serves as the basis for the charge of priority objective implementation team #2 ("Build an OAIS-Compliant System for Managing Cornell's Digital Assets"). Two modifications were proposed. Anne will make these changes. LMT liaisons provided status reports on the progress their teams were making.

Edward Weissman