E-Research Implementation Committee
Meeting Notes – May 7, 2013

Present: Sarah Williams (chair), Bethany Anderson, Susan Braxton, Peg Burnette (notes), Harriet Green, Karen Hogenboom, Laila Hussein, Beth Sandore Namachchivaya, Mary C. Schlembach, Sarah Shreeves

Announcements - SARAH W:

- created a new folder in Box for committee work
- created a preliminary web page in CMS; there is a folder for meeting agendas and notes
- A revised draft of the committee’s charge has been sent to Beth who will send it on to the Executive Committee for review; once approved, the charge will be added to the committee documents.

Report from the Data Stewardship Committee – BETH S:

The campus Data Stewardship Committee has developed a preliminary proposal for campus-wide support for research and data services. The proposal was submitted to campus administration, including the Provost and the Chancellor.

Key players:

- Library - There is general agreement that research data services are needed on campus and that the library will play a lead role.
- Infrastructure planning and implementation will be coordinated through IT.
- Because more funding entities are requiring data management plans and sharing of publications and data, and in light of the White House executive order on open data, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research will play an important role in compliance oversight.

On the national level, several organizations (ALA, ARL and other publisher groups) are working together to promote better communication and coordination among federal agencies. ARL and APLU will likely release a statement in the near future that addresses expectations for research compliance and support.

Non-compliance will negatively impact future funding for individuals and institutions.

The scope of demands on the library is unknown:

- Who are potential users of library data services?
- How many researchers will need research and data support?
- What is the capacity, and what are the limitations of the campus to fulfill these requirements?

Key campus personnel are working to ggestimate the impact in order to propose appropriate permanent funding levels to grow the data management program with the library servicing as the “front door” of the service. Support staffing will likely be in the library and some services (storage, etc.) will be implemented on a cost recovery basis.
Existing data services that could serve as possible models for fee-based services include Purdue and Johns Hopkins.

Campus administration appreciates the need for data services and infrastructure but the level of funding support that could be made available remains a challenge.

Preparatory efforts will focus on:

- Data planning support
- Storage
- Compliance
- Consulting

Finish reviewing recommendations in final eResearch Task Force report [starting on page 15]

2 high priority items from previous meetings

- Organizing research data services (e-research interest group)
- Establish scholarly commons and HUB for e-research/data support.

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- Identify professionals who have interest in e-research/data support.
- Hire GA hourly for Scholarly Commons to help support data management efforts. (pending but not yet funded)

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- Data management workshop has been done
- Invite staff from other institutions to “compare notes”

Q. Which should come first, planning or convening and interest group?

- Get group together first; more people will be available in the fall
- Once a group is established we can talk about pressing needs and tailor who is asked to visit

Q. Other thoughts as to how we can be proactive regarding training;

- More training for subject specialists related to digital scholarship/data curation, such as the upcoming free DMP Webinars
- Dorothea is open to returning to campus for if there are follow up areas of interest
- Having guest speakers on campus is beneficial for both information exchange and community building; guests keep the conversation fresh and provide outside perspective.
• Develop baseline training sessions for staff regarding existing support for research management and data curation.
• Libguide for research support:  uiuic.training.libguides.com/eresearch

Comments

• It is important for librarians to understand the limits of what they can offer. There is a need to establish explicit expectations regarding baseline information versus situations that need to be referred to a specialist.
• Training is needed so that public services librarians can distinguish between the need for “data” as information (statistics) and the need for support for data management.
• By August, the library needs to have established a data support HUB in Scholarly Commons that brings together currently scattered services.
• The E-Research Implementation Committee needs to identify public facing resources versus librarian focused resources. Maybe at the next meeting we can work on this issue.

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Savvy Researcher series currently include workshops related to Data management and curation, and workshops for using specific software packages such as SPSS.

The data focused workshops (SPSS, etc.) should incorporate data management principles and practices.

IN SUMMARY:

• Organizing ourselves locally
• Establish Scholarly Commons as Hub
• Create training opportunities for librarians

Other pressing issues that were not addressed in the report can be emailed to the group at large; other issues/opportunities can be factored in as we move forward. The report is a starting point but not the only thing.

NEXT MEETING - Wed. May 22 3:00

• Discuss public/staff needs in depth in terms of training and availability of resources
• Look at the list of Webinar offerings (DMP Tool, etc) that this committee can host