eResearch Implementation Committee Meeting

Meeting Notes, 6/5/13

Present: Sarah Williams (chair), Beth Sandore Namachchivaya, Sarah Shreeves, Bethany Anderson (notes), Kyle Rimkus, Laila Hussain, Christie Wiley, and Susan Braxton (remotely over Lync)

Announcements: (Sarah W.)

- Executive Committee approved eResearch charge with a few minor modifications
- The eResearch Committee is now listed on the Library’s committee webpage, and includes links to the eResearch Task Force Final Report as well as meeting agendas and minutes which we will regularly post: http://www.library.illinois.edu/committee/eresearch_implementation/charge.html; Sarah W. will send a note to Libnews to let the Library know that these agendas and minutes are now available online
- Created a small working group (Christie Wiley and Peg Burnette) to work with Sarah S. on the Scholarly Commons’ data management web pages

June 4th DMPTool Webinar Cancellation: (Sarah W.)

- Cancelled hosting the second DMPTools webinar on June 4th – “Learning about Data Management: Resources, tools, and materials you can use”: http://www.cdlib.org/services/uc3/webinars/20130604/lib/playback.html; We talked about whether to host the recording but decided to let people watch it on their own

Research Data Services group: (Sarah W.)

One of the top priorities stated in the Task Force Final Report is the formation of the Research Data Services group. How is this group distinct from the eResearch Implementation Committee (if it is supposed to be an ongoing group)? The committee discussed the following points:

- Beth suggested the creation of a formal cohort devoted to research data services; RRSS, for instance has an ancillary committee as well as a formal cohort and might be a good model for our purposes

- Sarah S. mentioned that the eResearch Implementation Committee could drive the forums and discussions about the creation of Research Data Services with interested stakeholders in the Library; we don’t want our committee to replicate the activities of this group
• How large would this group be? Kyle noted that the eResearch Committee already consists of a large number of people. If we add more people on top of those who are in this committee, how much larger would we want that group to be? Sarah W. mentioned a few people we may want to include, such as the new Biosciences Librarian, etc.

• Beth suggested that we can create a working subgroup to initially investigate and develop best practices and report back to the committee and the Library; Cornell University’s Research Data Management Service Group (http://www.library.cornell.edu/node/2171) is a good model of an operational group that we could look at.

• The Provost and the Chancellor will need to agree to provide campus-wide research data management services, including hiring a director and two data curation specialists.

• What is the role of the Scholarly Commons? Beth mentioned that it could serve as a baseline for the Research Data Services group. At the same time, the group should also encourage participation from other units in the Library – it needs to maintain a fine balance between being a centralized and a decentralized entity.

• Laila suggested training for everyone and the possibility of each committee member talking to his or her own division to gather feedback and interest (Beth said we should put this on the calendar for the Fall).

• Discussed the possibility of sending out an open call to the Library to see who would be interested or is already working on research data management.

• Decided that it may be a bit premature to flesh out the responsibilities of this group right now, but we can think of the eResearch Implementation Committee as being the driving force behind the group, the creator of guidelines, etc.
• Another means to generate interest in our activities in the Library would be to host presentations on research data services, especially relevant case studies. Perhaps we could reserve every other meeting for this kind of event or once a month, or schedule brown bag discussions on certain examples?

In Summary:

• May be premature to create a separate Research Data Services group just yet
• Need to figure out how to generate interest from the Library in our activities and involve interested stakeholders, perhaps through brown bag lectures and presentations

Next Meeting:

• Will talk about logistics about having one initial informational meeting for the Library on our activities (Sarah W. will send out an email)