e-Research Implementation Group

November 20, 2013 Meeting Notes

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present: Laila Moustafa, Sarah Williams, Kyle Rimkus, Sarah Shreeves, Bethany Anderson, Peg Burnette, Karen Hogenboom, Christie Wiley, Beth Sandore Namachchivaya

Agenda

- Announcements/Updates
  - Graduate hourly help
  - RDS Director search
  - Other
- Discuss plans for John Wilkin’s visit to 12/4 eResearch committee meeting
- Discuss plans for the Research Data Services Interest Group in the spring semester
- Open discussion

Williams:

- RDS Director Search update: add has gone out, committee will meet Monday to review applications
- We have finally hired graduate hourly help, support for RDS activities, IDEALS work, ETD work, for total of 15/hrs a week--we have hired 2 students
- Students will work on data management web pages
- We are still waiting to hear from Purdue for update on EZ-ID; we are ready to go but are waiting for final access from Purdue
- One student expressed interest in working on research data blog--we committed to getting posts once a week on blog, and are seeking volunteers/topics to draft posts

Burnette: One topic to write about would be an overview of the Scholarly Commons, due Wednesday December 3.

Rimkus: Shreeves and Rimkus have been meeting with faculty on need for oral history, digitization, access, video digitization from faculty; challenge of interacting with humanities "data"; need to integrate humanities services into RDS

Burnette: Is it Research Data Service or Services? A: It is Service.

Williams: Next meeting, Dean will join, 3:00-3:30. Agenda:

- background, summary of what this committee has been working on and challenges

Sandore:

- we should summarize main points in report, what we have done, and what the biggest challenges are that remain
- we have started discussions with several CIC institutions about having a multi-institutional research service
With a partnership, we need to know what we want to contribute
For example, we don't have good access to storage (but others may be strong in this)
What are our strengths? What do we bring to the table in a partnership?
Would division of labor across partners be format-based, service-based?
Need to articulate best practices to share with community
We have strong campus backing, philosophically, financially; our RDS also has a certain amount of seed funding that could be rolled into an interesting first step
This is also contingent on working through local infrastructure issues with CITES
Discussions within and outside of institution will be ongoing; much is up in the air
This process will take 6 months to a year

Burnette: Could we rely to a certain extent on GSLIS expertise?

Anderson: Also, there is expertise at NCSA in developing curation tools

Williams: What positions have been approved for RDS?

Sandore: 2-3 positions were approved by EC pending funding that would come from campus (curators and a programmer)

Burnette: copyright and IP issue could be another area of focus

Sandore: IT has been working on making video conferencing with other institutions more ubiquitous, this could lead to more effective collaboration with other institutions

Williams: development of instructional materials, service and user-oriented materials will be needed

Sandore:

- metadata development is open, there is a need there
- there are many pockets of domain researchers developing their own schema to describe their data
- many of these efforts are outward-looking
- right now there are few librarians engaged in the Research Data Alliance
- UIUC recently hosted a DataNet meeting on sustainable science
- strong need for metadata, ontologies, techniques for curating domain data so it is discoverable outside of domain

Anderson: will we be asking for contextual information in addition to data sets?

Shreeves: we often do in IR

Williams: what are the main obstacles we would like to articulate to Dean Wilkin?

Sandore: ongoing professional development support

Williams: any new ideas for the interest group? We have had good topics and attendance. Will send out a call for a new organizer for the spring semester.