eResearch Implementation Committee

Meeting Notes, January 15, 2014

Present:  Peg Burnette, Karen Hogenboom, Sarah Williams, Kyle Rimkus, Harriet Green, Christie Wiley, Beth Sandore, Laila Hussein, Susan Braxton (recorder)

Announcements/Updates:

- Data Management pages on the Scholarly Commons website are now live, content was developed by Christie, Peg, Sarah W. and Sarah S., Erik Radio helped get the content into the CMS http://www.library.illinois.edu/sc/services/data_management/index.html
- EZID subscription is now active. The EZID group will have a revised timeline for the pilot ready for the next meeting.
- Research Data Service Director candidates have been selected for interviews (dates are Jan 21, 22, 30, 31). Announcements will go out any minute, along with schedules for meetings with committees, including ours.
- Feb 7 Research Data Interest Group will feature Heather Piwowar, who is coming in for a Scholarly Commons event. Her expertise includes impact analysis and data citation.

Research Data Blog

- Peg and Harriet have identified key topics that relate to the Campus Research Data Service and that we want to have posted relatively early on. Peg has included links to resources to help writing the posts.
- Everyone should sign up for a topic by Jan 21, and have a draft ready by Jan 31
- The goal is to have a pool of draft posts that can be published on a regular schedule
- If everyone does one, we’ll have enough content to carry us through spring break.
- Harriet and Peg will fill in with relevant announcements as they come up, and people are welcome to jump in with timely posts on topics as inspired to do so.
- The signup list is on box in the blog folder, for those who didn’t sign up during the meeting.
- Harriet will send directions for using WordPress.
- As you create posts, let Peg and/or Harriet know if their publication should be at a specific time.
- Intended audience of the blog is the whole campus (not just the library).
- We will get the blog added to the library blog list, and post links as appropriate.
- When we are ready, Beth can ask Peter Schiffer to get it posted on the OVCR website.

Tracking Research Data Services:
• Discussed questions we would want to answer from the data we collect
• Metrics reported to campus will be an aggregate of pre-grant, post-grant, and “other” research data consultations, plus use of the DMP tool.
• Brainstormed questions:
  How many RD questions were answered?
  What kind of RD questions were they (teaching someone to do something with RD, helping someone find a known resource for RDM)?
  How many RD questions were related to a grant?
  Was the patron the PI, or a grad student or other project team member?
  What was the nature of the data (legacy or current project)?
  Was the person working with their own data or data from another source?
  Was the question answered by 1 librarian or a team of librarians (and others)?
• Questions can be organized by what they describe, the data, the project, the encounter.
• Some basic principles include:
  The RD tracking form should be available to all
  Reporting should not be painful
  Reporting should provide data that are compatible with tracking (e.g., by SC), and should not exclude RD questions from overall reference reporting (and should be mindful that other units will be participating in the RDS—not just the library.
• Purpose of tracking and assessment is to help us identify patterns in use of the service, and to help us articulate goals and implement changes to reach those goals.
• Sarah W. will develop/organize our question list for review by the group over the next 2 weeks, and then give it to Jen to be translated into a DeskTracker form.