

Library Directors Leadership Team Meeting

August 18, 2015

316 Lincoln Hall

Minutes

Present: Kornelia Tancheva, Mary Ochs, Bonna Boettcher, Erla Heyns, and Eric Acree

Guests: Dean Krafft, Chris Manly, Jon Corson-Rikert, Adam J Smith, Amy Blumenthal, and Simeon Warner

Agenda

- Dean and CUL IT: IT priorities; and general discussion
- President's visit update
- Updates

Dean and CUL IT: IT priorities; and general discussion

Dean spoke about the top priorities that his group is currently focused on.

- *ILS (Integrated Library System) Replacement.* Three options being considered are: Kuali OLE, ExLibris Alma, or staying with Voyager. A Cornell-Columbia team is looking at features and issues for each approach, including such things as ease of use; potential for innovation; and the ability for collaboration with Columbia. They will be pulling together a list of strategic considerations to present to LEG and the 2CUL Steering Group. The Library will need to commit to an approach by January 2016 and, if they decide to move forward with a new system, the goal is to have it implemented in July 2017.
- *Linked Data for Libraries Research Project.* We are currently working on finishing up work on the current Mellon grant and developing proposals for follow-on work.
- *Reorganizing the Land Grant Research and IT Group in Mann Library.*
- *Talking about reframing VIVO Cornell.* They are looking at what can reduce manual effort, cost, and making more use of Symplectic Elements, a system that will allow the Library to do a better job of tracking scholarly output.

Chris' groups top priorities.

- Refilling McCarty's position, developing the DevOps program, and looking at how they can best use the cloud infrastructure.
- Keeping up with evolving the security landscape, which President Garrett highlighted as a priority. There is a push by ITS to use full disk encryption on all desktops and laptops in the future. Current technologies make this possible with little user impact.
- Preparing for the ILS change in regards to data clean up etc.

Jon's groups top priorities.

- Mann website renewal project — taking better advantage of the new Discovery & Access catalog interface)
- USDA Economics, Statistics, and Market Information System — upcoming changes to a longstanding partnership
- TEEAL and AgriKnowledge — developing Hydra technologies in ways that can be repurposed for CUL projects

Adam's groups top priorities.

- D&A (Blacklight catalog and CUL Web site)
 - quarterly sprints
 - recent:
 - authorities browse
 - hours updates
 - Ares interface
- Upcoming
 - bound-withs
- Digital Collections Portal/Hydra
 - a unified interface for searching and accessing digital collections created by DCAPS, and other units as appropriate -- where we might have used Drupal in the past, we are hoping this will be quicker to develop, easier to maintain
- Harvest metadata from Shared Shelf and Kaltura for integration integration: alternative to Omeka
 - migration of DLXS collections
 - future integration with Blacklight
- Web site development continues
 - most notably: Olin/Uris, goal of Winter break launch
- POOF!!
 - next generation system coming along, starting outreach with selectors and access services staff

Amy, representing Pete Magnus' group, discussed their top priorities.

- Rather than replacing the oldest public computers we amped them up by increasing the RAM and replacing the hard drives with SSD drives, which are faster. This buys us time as we test VDI to see if it would be a viable solution next year.
- Focusing on VDI for public computers, since (after an initial expenditure) it could save staff time, as well as some licensing costs. We're currently have it in production on the Catherwood public computers (approximately 58).

- Desktop Management Tools - we're currently using Configuration Manager. CIT is looking at a cost recovery model. Depending on what they come up with, we may keep using CM - or it may be more cost-effective if we may look for another tool.
- One of our constant priorities is to see what's coming down the pike, what its effect might be on user workflow, whether and when we should implement it, etc. Windows 10 and Office 2016 are two examples.

Simeon's groups top priorities.

- Hydra-Sufia and TEEAL.
- RepoExec Group.
- CULAR, trying to get the digital commons at ILR under control and thinking about whether CULAR should continue as is or change systems.
- Link Data for Libraries in regard to specialized searches such as in Engineering and PSL, virtual libraries.
- arXiv and Euclid.

Updates

Kornelia

- Kornelia updated the library directors on Beth Garrett's visit to the Library. The President seemed very impressed with the projects/priorities the LEG and outside guests highlighted and asked a lot of questions. A big thank you to everyone from public services who participated.

Bonna

Annex

- Work on the 5th module continues at a good pace.
- Cammie and I are close to completing a workflow document for ongoing Annex transfers.

Olin/Uris

- The DVD move is nearly complete, and work on reconfiguring the south alcove in the Uris Dean Room continues. B12 Olin (formerly the Olin Media Center) will provide additional study space; we hope to add new furnishings over the December-January break.
- The Uris ADA entry work is completed, and the Tower Lab has re-opened.
- B05 work is nearly complete (waiting for replacements for three desks damaged in shipping) and it is ready to use as a teaching space. Meghan Sitar is holding orientation sessions for those who teach in the lab at 3:00p on 8/18 and 10:00a on 8/20.
- The Instructional Support Fair was held on 8/14. Although attendance was lower than we had hoped, those staffing the various tables agreed that it was a good effort and should continue, with refinements.

Erla

- The Vet Library has moved.
- The Engineering librarians are creating videos that will be incorporated into three different Engineering classes.
- For Physical Sciences, Leah McEwen was recognized by the American Chemical Society Meeting when iRAMP, the chemical safety project she is co-leading, won a society award.