

MU Libraries' Content Management System Task Force

Minutes – 9 May, 2006 9:00-10:00

Committee members present: Felicity Dykas, Janice Dysart, Anselm Huelsbergen,
Ernest Shaw, Rhonda Whithaus

Committee members absent: none

Others present: none

- Agenda item #1 – Examine suggestions and comments from WAG et al.
 - postponed until later, though some of the suggestions were addressed in the discussion of Item #2
 - what is meant by “calendaring” (No. 15 on suggestion list) [Anselm will clarify with Caryn Scoville]
- Agenda item #2 – Determine the features/functions of the current Libraries web site(s) a Web CMS should need to handle
 - basic, static HTML pages
 - subject guides
 - CMS needs to be able to manage multiple descriptions for resources
 - CMS needs to allow ranking of resources differently for different guides
 - course packs
 - database list (Ellis)
 - A-Z list (Ellis)
 - Ask-a-question
 - HTML forms (tied to database)
 - database finder (HSL)
 - electronic resources finder (HSL)
 - site index
 - new updates
- Other general functions of a CMS for MU Libraries
 - database needs to work with current HSL setup
 - multiple content contributors (“distributed authoring”?)
 - support for password access to pages

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- 'archival feature' – bringing up content/page that is needed only once in while – this is different from 'version control' or 'version rollback'
- Other concerns about choosing a CMS
 - workflow – does this need to be established prior to choosing a CMS?
 - overlap with WAG-Content [Anselm will check with Jim Cogswell, and WAG chairs]
 - is the current web site missing content due to the difficulties of getting content into HTML or other appropriate formats?
- Agenda item #3 – Begin to develop a list of requirements
 - Postponed
- Agenda item #4 – Think of questions to ask about Cascade Server following demo (5-10-06)
 - Everyone will do this prior to the demo
- Next steps
 - think of questions for Cascade Server demo
 - maybe set up a demo of one of the available CMS products to show to WAG and then re-solicit comments and suggestions
 - continue to come up with elements from the current site(s) that need consideration in a CMS
 - develop a list of requirements based on examples from Bramscher and Butler "LibData to LibCMS," *Library Hi Tech*, 24/1, 2006 (21) and Wiggins, Remley and Klingler, "Building a local CMS at Kent State," *Library Hi Tech*, 24/1, 2006 (73-74)

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