

MU Libraries' Content Management System Task Force

Minutes – 17 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

- Things to bring up during 5-23-2006 meeting of Anselm and Jim Cogswell re: direction of CMS Task Force
 - [This meeting has since be changed to coincide with the CMSTF meeting on 5-23-2006 so that everyone can be involved]
 - Direction of Task Force
 - Does the CMSTF still need to exist?
 - Cascade Server pilot
 - All members of the TF should be able to take part in the training
 - The TF should have a voice regarding the direction the pilot is to take (i.e., what needs to be tested)
 - Pilot should be seen as evaluative from the perspective of the MU Libraries as well as from the perspective of IATS/Web Communications (i.e., agreeing to the pilot does not commit the MU Libraries into being part of the long-term Cascade Server implementation)
 - What is the timeline for the pilot
 - What are the up-front and/or down-the-road costs for the MU Libraries associated with using Cascade Server
- additional issues to consider regarding any Web CMS:
 - how does it work with an openURL resolver
 - needs to allow data maintained in the CMS to be easily accessed by other applications
 - persistence of URLs created by the CMS
- action items:
 - identify and look at library-specific commercial CMS products [Everyone is to do this]
 - Check what Washington University in St. Louis has [Rhonda did this 5-18-2006: “they do not currently have a cms but are interested in

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pursuing it. They would appreciate it if we kept them updated on our progress.”]

- create a list of libraries using a CMS [Felicity will continue on this and send to Ernest to post to <http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/cmstf/default.htm>]
- begin compiling a list of CMS requirements [Anselm will start this and send it out]
- clarification of CMS requirements submitted by Geoff Swindells [Anselm will do this]
 - specifically:
 - 1. Support for structured metadata meeting some international standard, such as Dublin core. Much of what a CMS is is a way of storing and deploying metadata about resources.
 - 2. Compliance w/ the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) or some other way of exposing the metadata in the CMS to federated search and other discovery tools.
 - 4. The ability to create subject hierarchies/thesauri, as well to dynamically generate lists of resources by drilling down through those hierarchies.
 - 6. At a minimum, the CMS should support the elements outlined in the Dublin Core Metadata Element Set As well as the Element Refinements
<http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/> + those elements of LOM <http://ltsc.ieee.org/wg12/> needed to create rich course pages.
 - 11. Tools that allow users to rank/comment on resources in the CMS.
 - 12. Tools that allow users to create personal pages from the CMS data store and to add their own resources. Also, a way to review these user-added resources for possible inclusion in the general store of resources.
 - 13. A simple way to encode OpenURL "ContextObjects" for resources in the CMS metadata store.
 - 14. The ability to provide stable links into the CMS metadata store from outside applications. This will allow us to take advantage of this metadata in various types of home-grown learning tools.

submitted: A. Huelsbergen 5-19-2006