

MU Libraries' Content Management System Task Force

Minutes – 3 October, 2006 9:00-10:00

Task Force members present: Felicity Dykas, Janice Dysart, Anselm Huelsbergen, Michael Spears, Rhonda Whithaus

Task Force members absent: PT Martin, Ernest Shaw

Others present: none

- Updates
 - Felicity announced a change in the membership of the Content sub-group of the Web Advisory Group: both Caryn Scoville (chair) and Felicity had resigned. The chair will be filled by Judy Maseles
- Discussion
 - Michael brought up concerns about the CMS group, specifically:
 - the charge - are we looking for a web CMS to manage the majority of the MU Libraries web pages or just specific functions like the subject guides or resource databases?
 - general agreement among those present that we are not looking only for a CMS to handle subject guides and databases for resources – these have been the focus because they seem to touch on one of the major aspects of a CMS: is the database on which the CMS draws internal or external to the system
 - timeliness of a CMS product – will examining and recommending CMS products while the MU Libraries web site is being redesigned be reason to hold off on redoing web pages or cause redundant reworking of the sites?
 - general agreement that the Task Force went into this process without a time table that was tied to the work of WAG and the MU Libraries web site redesign, and that redesign prior to implementation of a CMS would most likely lead to duplication of efforts, but that that seemed unavoidable from the perspective of the Task Force.
- CMS criteria list
 - continued working through the feature list
 - worked through items 113 through 150
- Next steps
 - continue with assigning priorities for criteria on feature list
- The next meeting will be the 10th of October in 159 Ellis Library (Reference Conference Room)

submitted: A. Huelsbergen 10-4-2006