



CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM EVALUATION TEAM

Minutes

Minutes 09/2005 of the meeting of the Content Management System Evaluation Team held on Monday 1 August 2005, in Seminar Room 2, Library, commencing at 3.30pm.

1. Attendees

Helen Mandl, Prof. Sandra Wills, Donna Meagher, Michael Organ, Sharon Hughes, Dr. Wendy Russell, Dr. Christine Brown, Dr. Ric Caladine, Dr. Jon Cockburn, Assoc. Prof. Brian Martin.

Apologies

Dr. David Christie, Assoc. Prof. Lee Astheimer.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were read and accepted.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

CMS Web Site

Michael Organ reported on the imminent availability of the CMS Evaluation Team web site at ir.uow.edu.au. The site will contain information about the work of the Team, links to examples of higher education institutional repositories in Australia and abroad, plus information on evolving trends and suppliers of solutions.

Academic Representation on the Committee

Helen Mandl welcomed Dr Wendy Russell, Biological Sciences, to the Team. Wendy has a special interest in the deployment of teaching and learning objects and the role of an institutional repository as an adjunct to the Vista learning management system.

4. TEACHING AND LEARNING OBJECTS

Dr. Christine Brown and Dr. Ric Caladine of CEDIR led a discussion on the type of teaching and learning objects at present in use on campus, and the role an institutional repository could play in the ongoing management, and more specifically, re-use of such objects. They emphasized the need for targeted shareability and commented on the complexity of dealing with these objects, e.g. a web site with all the associated image files, and especially in retaining contextual information. Large amounts of storage space would be required.

Dr Jon Cockburn also demonstrated some of his image and movie files used in his teaching – all were very large in size.

A gradual program of pilot projects and educational forums would be required to inform the university community of the potential uses of an institutional repository in regards to teaching and learning objects. A cultural shift would be required to

encourage sharing. There may be a need for policies that rewarded this behaviour. The evolving software solutions were also commented upon.

4. DSPACE IN A BOX

The federally-funded APSR (Australian Partners for Sustainable Repositories) program is to run a seminar at the University of Sydney on 10 August, at which "Dspace in a box" would be made available. The Team supported the acquisition of this software as a testbed for developing a better understanding on the requirements and capabilities of an institutional repository at the university.

Action: Helen and Michael to acquire "Dspace in a box" for use by the Team.

5. APSR AND RESEARCHFINDER@UQ

Michael Organ reported on the new Researchfinder@UQ web database of University of Queensland research output dating back to 1999. The search engine brings together the UQ Dspace repository collection with HERDC publication references to provide access to information on research output. This project is supported by APSR.

Link: <http://www.library.uq.edu.au/researchfinder/index.php>.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

7. NEXT MEETING

Monday 15 August at 3.30pm in Library Seminar room 2.

Meeting concluded at 4.45pm.

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