



CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM EVALUATION TEAM

Minutes

Minutes 04/2005 of the meeting of the Content Management System Evaluation Team held on Tuesday 3 May 2005, in Seminar Room 2, Library, commencing at 3.30pm.

1. Attendees

Helen Mandl, Christine Brown, Joe McIver, Michael Organ.

Apologies

Sharon Hughes, Sandra Wills, Ric Caladine

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were read and accepted.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Helen Mandl reported that a Memo with attachments (*Introduction to Institutional Repositories* and *Questionnaire*) has been forwarded to Deans, Faculty Research Committee chairs, Faculty Education Committee chairs and Heads of Units informing them of the existence of the committee and its membership, along with a request that relevant individuals from respective units be identified for further contact and discussion.

Some responses had been received and interviews with Faculty of Education representatives would begin this week. Preparations were also underway for the presentation of lunchtime general information sessions on institutional repositories for academic and general staff.

4. PRESENTATION ON SURVEY OF 8 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

Michael Organ reported on a survey he undertook last week of 8 Australian universities in regards to their institutional repository programs. Seven were contacted directly by phone and questioned about their management of research objects and teaching and learning objects. A copy of the report of the survey is attached.

It was found that two of the institutions were actively dealing with, or planning to deal with, teaching and learning objects (Deakin and Griffith), whilst the other six (ANU, UQ, Melbourne, QUT, Monash, Curtin) were focusing on the management of research objects within their repositories, using software such as dSpace or ePrints. The situation was flexible and evolving, with new open source or proprietary software solutions under consideration.

Attachment 1: Institutional Repositories at Australian Universities – Phone Survey and Discussion, 2 May 2005, 4p.

5. PRESENTATION ON LEARNING OBJECT REPOSITORIES

Christine Brown presented the results of a preliminary survey of learning object repositories carried out via the Merlot and Vloern search engines within EdNA Online

(www.edna.edu.au). This included a copy of the 12 November 2004 final report of the American Edutools project assessing learning object repository software.

Discussion followed on a variety of issues, including:

- the precise uses of learning object repositories,
- relevant software solutions,
- examples of teaching and learning objects and their evolving uses,
- LMS vs. CMS content management systems,
- the LAMS “activity wrapper” software for learning objects,
- the relationship of LAMS and similar software to Vista and an institutional repository,
- the use of a system similar to Minerva,
- the general issue of archiving, both at a personal, course and institutional level.

Action: Christine Brown to continue a survey of issues relating to learning object repositories and associated software solutions.

6. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 31 May at 3.30pm in Library Seminar room 2.

Meeting concluded at 5pm.

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