



CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM EVALUATION TEAM

Minutes

Minutes 14/2005 of the meeting of the Content Management System Evaluation Team held on Monday 10 October 2005, in Seminar Room 2, Library, commencing at 3.30pm.

1. Attendees

Assoc. Prof. Brian Martin, Dr. Jon Cockburn, Donna Meagher, Sharon Hughes, Russ Pennell, Michael Organ.

Apologies

Prof. Sandra Wills, Assoc. Prof. Lee Astheimer, Dr. Ric Caladine, Dr. Christine Brown, Dr Wendy Russell, Helen Mandl.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were read and accepted.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Digital Commons and DSpace

Matters relating to Digital Commons and DSpace were dealt with as items 4 & 7 below.

Research Repository initiative

Michael Organ presented a brief update on the research archive proposal which had been prepared for the PVC (Research). The proposal recommended the short-term (1-2 year) adoption of Proquest's Digital Commons to deal with the Research Quality Framework RQF needs. A discussion ensued in regards to the implications of this initiative for the work of the CMS Evaluation Team and the preparation of recommendations for a preferred system or systems to deal with the institutional repository needs of the university. It was noted that both the research repository initiative and the Graduate School of Medicine learning content management system project (refer item 6 below) were calling for short term solutions, and that the more long-term and strategic direction of the Team remained relevant.

Action: Team to consider the main institutional repository requirements for the university in light of the Research Repository and Medicine Learning Content Management System initiatives.

4. DIGITAL COMMONS DEMONSTRATION - DEBRIEF

The Proquest Digital Commons institutional repository software solution was demonstrated by Hannah Perrott and Amanda Healy of Proquest at the previous meeting. Further information on the product had been provided by Proquest following the presentation. It was considered that Digital Commons adequately served the function of a research repository management tool, focusing primarily on the public dissemination of research outputs via search engines such as Google. Its limitations in regards to dealing with closed access material and teaching and learning objects were noted.

5. HARVEST ROAD HIVE & SCHOOL OF MEDICINE REPORT

The Graduate School of Medicine is currently scoping their needs in regards to a Learning Content Management System *LCMS* to assist with accreditation in March 2006 and the arrival of their first students in 2007. They have identified Harvest Road Hive as a possible solution, which would need to work in closely with Vista and their curriculum database. Michael Organ is liaising with Lori Lockyer and Martin Olmos on this subject. Medicine is also investigating the feasibility of using DSpace as a backup / supplementary digital repository and will be looking at a number of other systems, including Learning Edge and Concord Masterfile. Committee members noted the desirability of sharing information with the School of Medicine project team in regards to both the short-term and long-term institutional repository needs of the university. The work of Medicine can help to inform the work of the CMS Team.

Action: Michael Organ to continue to engage wit the Graduate School of Medicine project team in their selection of a Learning Content Management System.

6. DSPACE UPDATE

Members discussed the ongoing experimentation with the DSpace test site, including the loading of a variety of digital objects such as web sites, video material and flash animations.

7. NEXT MEETING

Monday 24 October at 3.30pm in Library Seminar room 2.

Meeting concluded at 5 pm.