CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM EVALUATION TEAM

Minutes

Minutes 15/2005 of the meeting of the Content Management System Evaluation Team held on Monday 24 October 2005, in Seminar Room 2, Library, commencing at 3.30pm.

1. Attendees
   Prof. Sandra Wills, Assoc. Prof. Brian Martin, Dr. Jon Cockburn, Dr. Christine Brown, Helen Mandl, Sharon Hughes, Russ Pennell, Michael Organ.

   Apologies
   Assoc. Prof. Lee Astheimer, Dr. Ric Caladine, Dr Wendy Russell, Donna Meagher.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
   The minutes were read and accepted.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
   No business.

3. RESEARCH REPOSITORY – DIGITAL COMMONS
   Following the provision of a proposal requested by the DVC (Research) for a research repository, news of funding availability was received on 21 October. The proposal recommended adopting Proquest's Digital Commons software as the research repository solution. A two year project team will be established to populate the repository with university research objects covering the years 2002-5. This will feed into the forthcoming Research Quality Framework process. It was noted that the work of the Team during the year had greatly assisted in aiding the process of identifying a short-term solution to the research repository requirements of the DVC (Research). It had also highlighted issues such as technological infrastructure support and the costs in implementing a repository at the university.

4. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE UPDATE – LEARNING EDGE
   Michael Organ reported that he had attended demonstrations of Concord Masterfile and Learning Edge delivered for the Graduate School of Medicine Project Team. Both systems primarily deal with teaching and learning objects, though Learning Edge has some open repository capabilities. A second demonstration has been arranged for 2 November to look at Learning Edge in more detail and to investigate its use beyond the needs of the School of Medicine.

   Action: Team members to be invited to Learning Edge demonstration on 2 November.

5. eTEACHING STEERING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION 25/10
   Helen Mandl, Michael Organ and Christine Brown will present a report to the eTeaching Steering Committee on 25 October on the work of the Team to date. A copy of the 1 page report to the committee was circulated. The Committee is primarily concerned with the
reuse of teaching and learning objects and support infrastructure. Such a system will need to exhibit seamless integration with WebCt / Vista.

6. FINAL REPORT PREPARATION

In light of the recent adoption of Digital Commons as a research repository solution, and the likely adoption by the end of November by the Graduate School of Medicine of a repository solution for teaching and learning objects, the Team considered it appropriate that a report be prepared, as per the Terms of Reference, outlining findings to date and long term solutions in regards to the needs of the university.

Action: Team to discuss outline of final report at next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 November at 3.30pm in Library Seminar room 2.

Meeting concluded at 5.20 pm.