

WebFeat Implementation Team (WIT) Charge

The Group will do the following:

Phase 1

- Refer to "Recommendations for WebFeat Implementation", 1/25/06 at <<http://library.dartmouth.edu/staffweb/DLGminutes/reports/webfeatrecs-final.pdf>>
- Work with WebFeat staff to quickly implement broad subject searching for spring term. This involves the "core" 50 "Best Bets" indexes selected in December.
- Review proposed resources within broad subject groupings for Phase 1 implementation.
- Discuss options for placement of federated searching into the current eResources page .
- Make recommendation to DLG on desired option and obtain approval.
- Work with Marketing & Communications to publicize Phase 1 (see communication section below).
- Work with Education and Outreach so they can develop strategies of how to teach federated searching and disseminate those strategies to the librarians and faculty.

Phase 2

- In consultation with bibliographers, select full range of resources to be targeted by federated searching.
- In consultation with bibliographers, assign all selected resources to appropriate subject categories.
- Confirm the validity of broad subject categories.
- Discuss and design further "fine-tuning" of subject categories.
- Discuss with bibliographers whether we should include additional non-subject based categories, such as an image search, or a newspaper article search.
- Ongoing communication (see section below).
- Assessment (see section below).
- Work with relevant committees and working groups for integration of federated searching in web redesign.
- Begin work with bibliographers for integration of federated searching into Blackboard Course Management System.
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Phase 3

- Integrate federated searching into the suite of navigation and discovery tools in new web redesign.
- Discuss proposals for ongoing communication, maintenance & staffing for continuing WebFeat service.
- Select desired maintenance option and report to DLG; obtain approval.

Communication:

Schedule open forums with librarians and staff to introduce WebFeat and federated searching concepts. Explain our 'phased' integration approach to the service. This can be done with scheduled open forums or during library all-staff meetings.

Recruit and involve bibliographers and other public service staff in decisions concerning selection and grouping of subject categories for Phase 2 of WebFeat implementation.

Continue ongoing communication regarding integration of new WebFeat functionality. Schedule regular updates via the Collection Development Forum and Education & Outreach committee meetings.

Encourage discussion of federated search design in departmental meetings of public services staff.

Work with the Marketing & Communication group to market federated searching. Discuss naming the product. Focus initial marketing on explanation of how service will be enhanced in future.

Assessment:

Work with the User Assessment Group and Education & Outreach to test usability of federated searching for Phase 2. Work with these committees and others for integration into web redesign.

Proposed timeline for WIT:

March 28th: Phase 1 of WebFeat implementation for beginning of Spring term 2006.

June 22th: Phase 2 of WebFeat implementation for beginning of Summer term 2006.

April-September: Work with web redesign implementation group(s) to integrate full functionality of federated searching into library website redesign.

December: WIT wrap-up; have proposals for ongoing communication, maintenance & staffing for 'production' WebFeat service.

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