

## Council on Libraries Meeting

March 16, 2006

Attending: John James, John Scott, Barry Scherr, Teoby Gomez, Harold Frost, Kathy Cottingham, Jeffrey Horrell, Malcolm Brown, William Hickey, Xun Shi, Erik Tou, Susan Fliss, William Garrity, Joshua Shaw, Mary Lamarca, Fran Oscadal, Bob Graves

1. Introductions of those attending.
2. Minutes of the January 12, 2006 were distributed and approved on a motion by Bill Hickey with a second by Barry Scherr.
3. Focused discussion on the Dartmouth Library web - presented by the DCL Web Steering Group:

Bill Garrity, Director of Biomedical Libraries, as Chair  
Susan Fliss, Director of Education and Outreach  
Mary LaMarca, Head of Digital Library Services  
Fran Oscadal, Humanities & Social Sciences Reference Bibliographer, History  
Joshua Shaw, Special Collections Technology Coordinator in Rauner

Bill Garrity introduced the topic and the work of the Steering Group. The concerns of content, audiences, capabilities, and ways to begin the design and implementation were discussed. The group's thinking was to develop a flexible design that could be refreshed frequently and guided by themes of simplicity and users having multiple paths to navigate the site. Ideas also included more links evident on the top page and a prominent search box.

The group is working hard to determine the functionalities and the means to implement them. There is a project notes site and suggestions from the campus community are invited. Involvement of post docs and technicians may be helpful as well as other administrative staff in addition to those already involved. Council members' comments included 1). the rate or pace of change may affect courses in advanced stages of planning or in progress so care is needed to manage this, 2). navigation and the capacity to customize the user page such as portal concepts might be considered, 3). the biomedical community might be a more frequent user of other sites such as at NIH so such search capacities as exist there might be studied, 4). scoring the links returned from a search to aid rapid selection might be desirable, 5). using functions and layouts that are relatively common to users of other search engines may reduce the learning curve issues and enhance usage, and 6). it would be easier to evaluate and ideate from a prototype and Council members may be helpful in the future in this capacity.

4. Scholarly Communication planning update

Bill Garrity and Kathy Cottingham will work on a v. 2 of the scenario in preparation for it to be taken to the Biology faculty in Spring Term.

John James agreed to develop a similar scenario for the arts and humanities and Bob Graves will speak with Kate Conley about helping with this.

5. April 6 - Joint Council on Computing and Council on the Libraries meeting

**\* Note: Location Change – Tindle Lounge in Thayer**

Agenda: Discussion of digital archiving planning at Dartmouth including the Report of the Digital Document and Records Management Task Force (with co-chairs Malcolm Brown and Wess Jolley) and the Dartmouth/Duke Mellon Foundation sponsored planning grant.

6. May 4 - Meeting

Agenda: Dartmouth College Library Preservation Services (Barb Segraves) including the “Readex” project. The topic of the June 1st meeting will be electronic reserves, Blackboard, and copyright.

7. Council adjourned at 1:25 pm.