

Librarians' Meeting Minutes: October 28, 2014

Agenda:

1) Update on Metadata/ERM librarian position (Scott)

Dean's Council is sharing information about vacant positions via email now; FLITE has been authorized to go to the next stage; Scott is hoping to meet with the search committee before Charlestown but that probably won't happen.

2) Open Access Week review (Scott, Melinda, Fran and Ali)

There was less publicity than we would have hoped. For the Fireside Chat, only one faculty member attended; she was very excited about the new ideas, however. The opening kickoff webinar hosted in FLITE was disappointing for attendees; the content presented was at a very high level. Other librarians from the COLD group say they have a hard time getting people to participate in open access initiatives, as well. Someone commented that Todd is interested in open access learning objects.

3) Redistribution of Yuri's responsibilities since retirement (Leah)

There is a list of redistributed duties in the J: drive. Leah apologized for not getting it in there earlier. Concern about students looking for theses was expressed by Ann. Archives is working on more timely entry into FIR. They show up in SmartSearch before they appear in the Catalog. If it is not in SmartSearch, the catalog, or FIR, contact Melinda and she will investigate further.

4) ProQuest product discussion/process

Rick expressed the opinion that he was okay with ProQuest coming in and telling us about their products and what they are doing, but was concerned that we follow a correct process. He suggested we wait until we have someone in the metadata position and the products have moved beyond the vaporware stage. Scott says he is not committed switching, but the offer was there. There is a state-wide group looking to see if we can all go forward together in the next step of these systems.

5) Review of Assistant Dean position descriptions

Much discussion ensued. One of the major discussion points was whether or not user engagement and experience (including the web presence) should be on both AD's position descriptions (much the way liaison responsibilities are currently.) Leah and Scott said they were trying to come up with ways to describe the areas of work but more globally and trying to break down silos. However, in the conversation it seemed that there is a conflict between the silos and reporting across lines. Other discussion points included where teaching belongs and what being a liaison might mean.

Scott mentioned that the Interim Provost has asked him to look at FLITE in comparison to other libraries; this *may* be an opportunity to get new resources/positions

Scott said he would tweak the descriptions and send the next draft out to everyone

