

Minutes of Librarians Meeting, September 26, 2017

Present: Gary Maixner, Dejah Rubel, Heather Symon Bassett, Mari Kermit-Canfield, Sela Constan-Wahl, Melinda Isler, Leah Monger, Kristy Motz, Paul Kammerdiner

Absent: Fran Rosen, Stacy Anderson, David Scott, Ann Breitenwischer, Scott Garrison, Ali Konieczny

Call to order (Isler)

The meeting was called to order at 11 am by Melinda.

Approval of Minutes (Symon Bassett)

Minutes for the June 27, 2017 and August 24, 2017 Librarians Meetings were approved as presented.

Resource Recommender (Rubel)

Dejah indicated the goals of the first iteration of Primo's Resource Recommender were to have the A to Z database listings and LibGuides show in the search results. The second version is anticipated to have better query matching, so searches like "elementary education" will display education resources. Right now only searches that are an exact match to a predefined tag will appear. She indicated that LibGuides, liaison librarians and databases show in search results for simple subject searches. She further indicated that the database descriptions consume too much of the space above the fold of the page. Paul offered to provide shortened database descriptions of fifty words or less to her, to which all agreed. Her database descriptions were copied from the A to Z database assets, but they are independent of the descriptions on that list. She will forward a spreadsheet to Paul for him to update the Resource Recommender descriptions. Kristy noted that it might be worthwhile to consider an overall revision of the A to Z database descriptions at the October Librarian's meeting. Gary inquired regarding the ability to incorporate Scheduler into the librarian liaison results and Dejah noted that it may be possible in the future with additional customization.

Update on the Library Website Team Progress-Level 1 Priorities Initial Review (Constan-Wahl)

Sela provided an update for the University-wide Web Accessibility meeting occurring most recently. A lot of FLITE questions she relayed remain unanswered at present or will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. She said that the FLITE website is a small piece of the overall scenario and the deadline for all accessibility modifications would be difficult to meet. She emphasized the importance of FLITE making prioritized progress toward better accessibility and documenting that progress. Sela will make a list of the questions and answers available for review. She requested that any questions regarding the FLITE website and accessibility be directed to her as she can efficiently route the question to the appropriate person. She indicated that additional funds are not available for website enhancements beyond training funds, though an existing Ferris employee would be devoting the bulk of her time on the web accessibility project. Sela reported that the University plans on forming four to five web accessibility sub-committees and she anticipates FLITE representation on all.

As far as FLITE efforts relating to increased website accessibility, Sela noted that a preliminary charge worksheet for a Web Architecture Task Force has been developed and initial priorities have been identified for the website. A physical representation of priorities is on display in the former

Assistant Dean's office. Sela reported that she is available for questions and reported the following as priorities:

- Ways to search databases
- Transactional (Patron Record, ILL, MeL and other similar services)
- Patents, trademarks & government documents
- Software availability
- Mechanism to reserve spaces
- Research/Reference
- Highlighting services including copying, scanning, faxing, etc.
- Instruction (class help, booking, tutorials)
- Troubleshooting (Staff, contacts, chat, FAQ)

SFX Citation Linker (Rubel)

Dejah reported the availability of a newer version of Citation Linker with revised wording of "Find a Specific Article" to clarify the function of the feature. She also reported that the "Report a Broken Link" link is now inline with the title.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Submitted by: Heather Symon Bassett

Approved 10/24/17