

February 23, 2011 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Jane Carlin, Alyce DeMarais, Tim Hoyt, Pierre Ly, William Morse, Jason Sawin, Jeff Tepper, Ariela Tubert – Visitors: Annie Teng, Wade Guidry and numerous other interested persons.

Meeting Called to Order: Ariela Tubert called the meeting to order and the minutes of the 26 January 2011 meeting were approved.

Intellectual Property Subcommittee Update: Alyce DeMarais reported that the subcommittee is waiting on feedback to their draft document outlining the intellectual property policy.

Print Management Update: William Morse gave a brief update on the progress of the print management system. Pierre Ly suggested polling the faculty to see exactly how much printing each course requires. He pointed out that this could provide more perspective than just the raw printing numbers. William agreed that it could be a nice addition to the data currently being collected. As a follow up, Tim Hoyt asked if it made a significant difference if course instructors provided the “print-outs” or required the students to do the printing? William replied that copying is less expensive than printing but for classes with a large number of handouts course packets maybe the best option.

Institutional Repository Software Demo: Annie Teng of Berkeley Electronic Press gave an overview of Digital Commons. Digital Commons is a hosted repository platform designed to help institutions collect, showcase and preserve scholarly output. More at <http://www.bepress.com/ir/>

Q & A following the presentation:

- Wade Guidry asked if Digital Commons supported subscription-based Journals. Annie stated that there is no direct support for the payment process through Digital Commons but other institutions have used pay-pal and restricted permissions to get the desired services.
- Jeff asked what the timeline was for a school to typically get up to speed to use the system. Annie stated that it depends on the school, but they have services to help facilitate the process.
- Ariela asked about copyright concerns and Annie said it was entirely up to the school to address these issues.

Following the presentation: There was a brief discussion about the need and feasibility of a product similar to Digital Commons. Several members expressed support for such a system citing that it would be useful for faculty and student recruitment and retention. Jane Carlin stated that there are currently no funds allotted for such a system. Alyce suggested that perhaps such a repository could be moved under the auspices of the Pacific Northwest Colleges Consortium.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Sawin