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I-Share Users' Group Minutes for June 26, 2009

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I-Share Users' Group Meeting

June 26, 2009
Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

Members Attending:
Carlos Melian   (2006-2009 St. U)   Northeastern Illinois University
Stephen Smith   (2007-2010, St. U)   University of Illinois at Springfield
Alexis Rogers   (2008-2010, CC)   Lincoln Land Community College
Karen Whisler   (2009-2011, St. U)   Eastern Illinois University
Sandy Craig   (2008-2011, CC)   Illinois Eastern Community Colleges
Stephanie Graves   (2006-2009, St.U)   Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Keith Eiten   (2007-2010, Pr)   Wheaton College

Members attending on phone:
Sarah McHone-Chase   (2007-2010 St. U)   Northern Illinois University
Mary Burkee   (2009-2011 St. U)   University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Xiaotian Chen   (2006-2009, Pr)   Bradley University

Members not present:
Jason Rossi   (2009-2011, Pr)   Robert Morris University

CARLI staff attending:
Lorna Engels, Kristine Hammerstrand

CARLI staff attending on phone:
Cathy Salika

Decisions:

- Minutes approved, with 4 corrections.

Team Reports:

- Acquisitions & Serials Team
    - Fiscal Period Close questions have been added to the FAQ.
    - HACQFest was successful, with positive feedback. Might offer these twice a year, limiting registrations to facilitate one-on-one conversations.
    - May plan an open conference call for late August or early September to elicit conversations on the recent Voyager upgrade and any persistent problems.
- Cataloging and Authority Control Team
    - Reviewed comments on the last joint forum with Acq. & Ser. Team on technical services workflows.
    - Reviewed current objectives that are listed on the annual report.
    - Discussed possible joint forum with Resource Sharing team on shelf inventory.

- Instruction Team
  - Sponsored two workshops on using Wink for online tutorial creation: in Champaign on June 5, and at Columbia College in Chicago on June 12; responses were positive. Probably will offer them again, since there were long waiting lists for both workshops.
- OPAC Team
  - June meeting was short, consisting mostly of discussion with Paige Weston on functionality and performance (anticipated) of WebVoyage 7.
  - Since the meeting have been discussing via e-mail ways to improve the too-brief "brief" display in Universal Catalog in WV7. Hope to have an enhanced brief display ready to roll out by early July.
- Resource Sharing Team did not meet since the last IUG meeting.

CARLI Office report:

- The upgrade to Voyager 7.1 went faster than anticipated.
- CARLI staff are monitoring the performance of WV7, adding memory and tweaking parameters as needed; have discovered that the TOMCAT database crashes unexpectedly for unknown reasons; also that search sessions have not been properly closing after the allotted time, which has been holding up server resources, and are working on solutions.
- CARLI staff have been communicating with users that the brief display in WV7 was "out of the box," and that a more adequate display is in the works; also have been communicating with users that many local customizations could not be done before the upgrade, but will continue to work on them after the upgrade.
- CARLI staff are working on a cluster of roll-outs over the summer, to re-introduce our usual customizations, and an enhanced brief display.
- CARLI board is considering accepting new I-Share members in Summer 2010; if so, then there will be no major upgrades to Voyager at that time.
- Serials Solutions will stop offering WebFeat next year; CARLI will not do an RFP for a new federated search product.
- This summer there will be a 30-day trial of a new SFX service called BX, which provides recommendation links for related journal articles.
- UIUC has developed "EZ Search," a home-grown federated search product; and has contacted CARLI for possible collaboration.

Agenda discussion:

- Reviewed FY 2009 activities; discussed IUG FY 2009 annual report
- Plans for next year
  - Began discussion of possibly moving to more conference call meetings throughout the year.
  - Discussed a possible ad hoc task force to run an annual statistics forum or Wimba session.
  - Discussed need to monitor activities of the Usability Testing volunteers and of the Cataloging of Electronic Resources task force.
  - Discussed inviting members of the IUG teams to call in or attend all or part of IUG meetings; a different team each meeting.
  - Discussed possible task force to study relationships between copyright and licensing agreements of online full-text sources.
  - Will need new liaisons next year for ICAT, Instruction, and Resource Sharing.

- Approved the final version of the charge for the CAT/ER task force.
- Approved the call for volunteers for Usability Testing and CAT/ER; these will be open the entire month of July.
- Future of the ILS
    - Reviewed the compiled comments from ILS discussion at the Liaisons' Forum and Library Directors' Forum.
    - Compiled comments will be posted to the CARLI website.
    - Discussed whether IUG should engage with a wider range of readings (e.g., OCLC's recent report "Library Catalogs: What Users Want" or attend a relevant seminar/webinar.