

Alfred University Librarians Meeting

2014-10-15, 2:00pm

Scholes Conference Room

Attending: Stephen Crandall, Beverly Crowell, John Hosford, Eva Sclipa, Mark Smith, Brian Sullivan, Trevor Riley, Ellen Bahr

Guests: Gary Roberts, Meghanne Freivald

Excused: Laurie McFadden (Sabbatical)

- I. Learning management exploratory committee
 - Gary Roberts provided an update on the work of this group, which is reviewing Moodle and Sakai in addition to Blackboard.
 - The goal is to recommend a system that meets the needs of the university as a whole and at no additional cost to what we currently pay for Blackboard (discounted through SUNY).
 - It was suggested that a librarian be invited to participate in the faculty committee.
- II. DSpace hosting
 - Steve spoke to the Provost about the need to implement a hosted solution for DSpace. The Provost asked for Gary Robert's input and Gary agrees.
 - At this point, it's a question of money. We are exploring the possibility of discontinuing our subscription to EndNote (paid for by ITS) in order to free up funds.
 - Trevor has been in touch with Doreen Edwards to discuss the possible EndNote cancellation and timing, and to explore other potential options.
 - Trevor will talk to EndNote representatives to explore options for continuing our contract until mid-summer 2015.
 - Ellen briefly summarized the benefits of hosting, which include: ongoing support for upgrades, configuration, and other technical demands that we aren't able to currently manage; the ability to focus more on other aspects of digitization that are demanding on their own; and the need for a long-term preservation plan.
- III. Printing
 - Steve asked Donna Sturdevant for data on printing at public printers.
 - Steve also has preliminary information on the cost of printing in Herrick.
 - Scholes spent just over \$10,000 on printing in the 2013-2014 academic year.
 - The cost of printing in the libraries is rising on an annual basis.

- Steve and Mark will analyze the full picture once they have all of the data.

IV. Reports

- Ellen gave a very brief report on faculty senate based on information that Laurie provided to her.
- There were no other reports.

V. Approval of minutes

- The minutes of the September library faculty meeting were approved, with one addition. Bev will send the minutes to Natalie for inclusion in AURA.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Bahr, meeting secretary