Meeting Notes December 2010

Subject	Scholarly Communication Officers Conference Call
Date and Location	Wednesday, December 01, 2010 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Via Telephone
Attendees	
Message	SCO Meeting Notes Wednesday, December 1 1:00pm - 2pm Minute taker: San Diego

Notes

Attending: Margaret Phillips (B), Karen Andrews (D), Bonnie Tijerina (LA), Susan Mikkelsen (M), Martha Hruska (SD), Lorelei Tanjii (I), Barbara Schader (R), John Bloomberg-Rissman (UCR), Beth Remak (SC), Joanne Miller (CDL), Catherine Mitchell (CDL), Lisa Schiff (CDL)

Announcements - all
Confirmed SCO's will meet Jan. 5. Trisha Cruse will join that call.

Minutes for Nov. 2010 are now posted on SCO website.

XTF (eXtensible Text Framework) - Lisa Schiff
Lisa Schiff is the Tech lead for CDL Publishing group and gave a brief overview of XTF (eXtensible Text Framework) and how it is used.

XTF is an Open Source platform that can be used to provide access to digital content

A quick way to get digital content up. It features robust search and display functionality with good support for hierarchical facets.

Customizable can run out of the box with default interface.

Implementers don't need to know Java

3.0 coming out in beta soon. Will be announced in January.

The Gnu book reader, optimized for GBS or OCA content, but supports others. XTF 3.0 will include public access snippets downloaded from Hathi.

Supporting globalization for users to choose interface languages other than English. Easy to set up properties

RSS feeds for searches ~~searchers~~

Used by eScholarship, Mark Twain papers, CDL website, among others worldwide, including Companion to Digital Humanities, OhioLink uses it for finding aides, Portal to Brazilian Legislative and Legal Information.

No real commercial equivalent apart from all of the regular content management systems? Usually you would get consultant advice to work with these.

No submission component like Content DM. Infinitely flexible unlike Content DM.

SCO's should consider this an option to share and suggest to anyone who has content they are looking to put up and share fairly easily.

The website, http://xtf.cdlib.org, includes a revised tutorial with screen shot examples and other resource suggestions.

Lorelei noted this would be a useful tool to mention on their Digital Scholarship services site (see UCI)

eScholarship updates - Catherine Mitchell
Catherine gave a quick update on planning process with the UC Press, referring to issues raised in the UL letter to Dan Greenstein particularly regarding implications on eScholarship.

Ithaka will be presenting an interim report on university publishing question the 2nd week of Dec.

The UC Press has made offer to new director and this has been accepted, pending Regents approval. The new Press director is coming from the commercial sector and is expected to start in mid January. It is expected this will signal a shift from an academic led press to a business led press with an increased emphasis on business planning. Goal is to keep press solvent.

Plans are to meet with Ithaka group, Lynne W and DG meet to propose path forward to new director.

The role of eScholarship and plan for funding it in this publishing services model remains in discussion. May be that Press continues to support eSchol going forward. What if Press does not continue to support eSchol, possible campus co-invests for eScholarship?

It is still not clear just how campus stakeholders will have a voice in the process?

Working on plans for short term, and think strategically about ongoing support for eSchol services as a system.

Catherine noted the possibility of shifting one of the eSchol journals to the Press, one that is successful and that has ambitious goals. She is discussing this possibility with Becky Simon of the Press. This could be an opportunity to test out the concept of a continuum of university publishing.

Catherine also noted that CDL is committed to supporting the same level of service at eScholarship, including the ETD initiative. But they are not now taking on any new service commitments for eScholarship. For the undergrad repository, she is considering consolidating services in one system and incorporating them into eScholarship.

She clarified that there is no need to call a moratorium on new content in eScholarship. It's fine for new dept or ORU to create a new site, working paper series, journal.

Elise Proulx will be departing Dec. 10 for a position at LitQuake. Given the uncertainties with the proposed merging of eScholarship and the UC Press, her position will not be replaced at this time.

Catherine will be taking on her outreach and support responsibilities and will draw on generic CDL marketing.

Catherine will send out: DG response to ULs and UL letter.