Research and Scholarly Environment Working Group

Meeting Minutes
University Librarian’s Conference Room, Alexander Library
Tuesday, July 25, 2017: 2:00-4:00 pm
Present: Judy Cohn, Ron Jantz, Rhonda Marker, John Maxymuk (recorder), Laura Palumbo, Ryan Womack, Yingting Zhang (chair).

1. AUP/Director Update
Cabinet is still adding Working Groups by setting up charges for the functional groups that will report to cabinet. Most of these groups are being formed in order to help accomplish the libraries’ goals, especially where activities need support from central units. For example, weeding projects will be guided by criteria, methods, and workflows proposed by the Collection Management Projects Group; cataloging projects will be guided by the recommendations of the group to Prioritize Cataloging Project. Membership for the groups is not yet determined.

One major goal for the Libraries is to increase the number of courses that have a library component (e.g., library instruction). We see an increase in the use of LibGuides and in the RIOT tutorial on the website – even though everyone acknowledges that it is outdated. It has been difficult to measure this component since we do not have constructs in place to measure library content in university courses. What is not in doubt is the university values the libraries. However, we need to be able to measure the impact of our services as well as our collections.

2. Research Panels
We reviewed the latest version of the ORCID panel that has been put together by the ORCID Outreach Team. We were satisfied with it and agreed that this panel should be added.

We discussed the order of the panels on the website so it would make the most sense to users. We looked at web analytics from January-mid April 2017 that indicated that the panels in the top two rows generally had more clicks than those in the bottom row. We discussed the possibility of adding a featured panel at the top of the screen, listing the panels alphabetically, listing the panels in order of their last update, and an alphabetical listing of panels at the top or in a navigation bar on the side of the screen.

It was agreed that we will add the new ORCID panel at the top as a featured panel on the existing page and conduct a usability study to see how users would most like to see the page arranged. Yingting and Rhonda will follow up with in-library colleagues to set up a user/usability study.

3. Review of Topics for ORED Newsletter
Judy stressed the need to move quickly to get these brief items out, especially since they generally are also edited by our Communications Department and then by the ORED staff. The working group proposed the following schedule for topics:
### Metrics Brown Bag Seminar

We briefly noted Yingting’s handout on the Metrics Brown Bag plan and announcement. The only point raised was that the announcement should make it clear that the two sessions being offered have the same content and are not a multipart workshop.

### New Business

The meeting for August has been cancelled due to anticipated low attendance.