

Final Project Plan – June 2019

Approved Projects			
Project Name	Description	Outcomes	Next Steps
Instruction Infrastructure	Create a robust infrastructure to support library instruction.		Hiring an instructional technologist. The priorities are Leganto (Social Work pilot in summer), Nimblywise Education (available for all campuses to pilot in the Fall), Instruct aka Credo on Demand (in place for use) and developing analytics measures in relation to assessing outcomes for the University.
Leganto (part of Instruction Infrastructure)	New workflows, integration, and outreach for ExL course reserves module Leganto.		Technical implementation is almost complete. Social Work pilot this summer. Searching for early adopters on all campuses for the Fall semester.
Special Collections Infrastructure	Implement a single ArchivesSpace installation with collections and finding aids from all special collections and archives at the libraries. Make ArchivesSpace available to the general public through a common website.	Unreliable inventory and control of unique and valuable collections	Draft project plan has been proposed. Initial focus is on EAD and accession records. Minimum data standards have been agreed upon for EAD that focus on a minimal level of description. Architecture for the project has yet to be established. Meeting scheduled for the end of June.
Acquisitions Work Flows/Fund Codes	Define and document acquisitions workflows that appropriately utilize Alma functionality. Develop and implement a simplified fund code structure that represents the collections budget while taking into account local allocation needs and statistical reporting requirements.	Lack of fiscal control and accountability for materials budget.	Workflows for acquiring electronic resources have been redone and implemented. Further refinement is necessary for media, print, etc. Initial data gathering for fund code redesign has begun. This includes summary data regarding account balances and purposes as well as reporting options in analytics particularly related to subjects.
College of Law migration to Alma	Append the law library onto our existing Alma/Primo installation	Contractual	Soft implementation has begun. Meetings with the implementation team and law will begin next month. Official project kick off is in late August with an early January go live date.

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Post-migration cleanup	<p>Review and optimization of data migrated from SIRSI to Alma, including cleanup of records with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Incomplete MARC holdings data · Invalid location information · Suppressed or no inventory · Improperly migrated electronic inventory · Improperly migrated order records · Non-standard or incomplete ISBN/ISSN data · Clean up and re-create a large percentage of purchase orders · Improve patron record management in partnership with OIT 	Improve core elements that impede user success and other projects	Continuously being worked on through the implementation team.
Total Website Redesign	Redevelop the website to support one library-four missions	Drupal 7 & 8 end of life 11/21	Work will be outsourced. Working to develop a high level project description that can be shared with preferred university vendors for feedback and proposals.
Media Workflows	Redefine and document central workflows related to the procurement and provision of media resources.		Media Working Group recently charged by Cabinet will convene late in May. Central has made a lot of progress on underlying issues and is well poised to react to the system wide issues that are identified by the Cabinet group.
ILL Infrastructure	Review ILL workflows related to physical material post move to TSB. Determine where refinements must be made to optimize workflows and to balance central and local involvement as appropriate. Upgrade to Illiad 9 and include EZ-Borrow to Illiad.	Illiad 8 end of life 12/19	Planning is underway for the implementation of the Illiad sandbox and the upgrade to Illiad 9. Work related to reviewing physical material workflows will begin after the upgrade.
Server Migration	OIT's for-fee infrastructure is being utilized to host RUL servers. Windows file servers have been migrated. Linux servers are being migrated in Spring 2019. RUcore infrastructure and Windows application servers are scheduled for later in 2019.		Progressing on schedule. Investigating a solution to outsource journal hosting and decommission OJS. This would potentially enable us to take on new journals.

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RIM/SOAR	Identify and implement a solution for the management and discovery of information related to institutional research including faculty scholarship, researcher profiles, funding opportunities, and research impact.	Supports university OA policy in a sustainable manner.	Need to better understand what is possible and share options for feedback. Going to review Esploro again and also meet with Paul Copeland re: Pure. No matter the solution, our first step will be to clean up the scholarly data.
Proactive chat	The pilot indicated that we have many users with legitimate reference questions that may not actively approach chat but will respond to an invitation to chat via proactive popup. Further investment in testing in summer 2019 would help us understand how to reach users most effectively and the staffing changes we may need to make in order to accommodate the increase in chat activity.	Will help connect new user groups to expert reference services	Proposal being crafted for a robust proactive chat program. Cabinet will review.
Staff resources website	Staff Resources are being migrated to a new, Drupal 7-based website. Rollout planned for Spring 2019. Local infrastructure exists for staff websites.	Improves communication and decision-making	Central will begin using the new sites. Directors can decide if and when they want to utilize this resource.
Google	Google has approached us to digitize portions of the libraries collections (with an emphasis on out of copyright works). Developer time would be required to export a file in the appropriate format. There would be substantial local involvement pulling and shelving materials. Libraries holdings information will need to be converted to an easily exportable format. Requires significant cleanup and programming.	Contributes to the corpus of information freely available on the internet (common good) and cleans up library physical collections, providing a digital copy	We are now able to easily output our holdings for review by Google. Continuing to investigate this project.

Proposals Not Approved to Move Forward At This Time

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Database portal	<p>Redesign A-to-Z database list to make it easier for users to locate specialized resources in their area of study. Primary goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improving organization and retrieval of databases by offering additional ways to search and browse · Reducing the number of clicks required to find and access databases · Creating database descriptions that are shorter/more user-friendly · Improving communication of access restrictions · Creating durable database URLs with built-on proxy logic that work reliably on or off campus For more information visit: http://go.rutgers.edu/vahnotli 	Responds to patron issues related to finding databases.	To be reassessed after website redesign. Will make a proposal once more information is gathered.
One-button	Provide patrons an improved discovery to delivery process using only the QuickSearch interface. Behind this interface we envisioned smart integration of fulfillment systems that would improve the service we provide to our patrons while helping us manage our costs.	Streamlines accessing the best copy of content; reduces most frequently encountered user barrier to accessing ILL (the collective collection)	Reassess after completion of work on ILL infrastructure. Will make a proposal once more information is available.
RBHS Local Scope	Modify Alma so that health sciences information is segregated and can be displayed in a separate Primo instance.		Reevaluate after the Law Library implementation
Fedora replacement	Fedora is the main platform in the RUcore repository infrastructure. It supplies preservation, presentation, and other repository services.	End of life in 2022	While we are building the libraries infrastructure in other areas RUcore's integration requirements will change and a complete replacement of existing Fedora functionality may not be needed. Revisit next cycle.
Digital exhibit platform	Determine if Omeka could be used as the libraries' tool for digital exhibits.	Depends on repository decision	Reevaluate after a repository decision is made.
RU-ETDs	May be incorporated in RIM/SOAR solution		Reevaluate after RIM/SOAR solution is determined