IDS Project Conference Summer 2006
Directors' Group 08-08-06 Minutes

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Timing: Consensus was that the two-day conference format maximizes the time commitment of those who have to travel and stay overnight. It also creates a bonding experience for the team.

Expansion: Privates have approached Ed about joining IDS. What is too big? Are there libraries that should be excluded? (University of Phoenix was suggested.) If we grow, we need to establish benchmarks so we can determine if we are getting too large to function efficiently. CUNY is excited to join – Julie Cunningham feels that we need to change the culture of New York State. Consensus was that diversity is good, there is strength in numbers, and OHIOLINK (80 members) works. BUT new members must be willing to use ILLiad, Odyssy, LAND, and meet our performance parameters.

Structure: There is a need for a governance structure. An Advisory Council was suggested. Carey pointed out that the larger SUNYs are seeking a "deliberative voice." As we organize a structure we must remain agile to be effective and we need to preserve the ability to scale. Reciprocity agreements are a MUST along with agreement on performance parameters..

Money: This has been a lean project - $40,000 allocated from OLIS and $10,000 is still left. Robin suggested that Ed and Mark patent the automated performance measures.

Ariel: There was a brief discussion of the latest version of Ariel and the compatibility issues. Odyssey is the agreed upon methods of exchanging electronic documents within IDS.

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Survey: Kate Pitcher discussed survey responses and sharing raw data. 12 out of 15 libraries responded. There were no questions on technical support. The analysis will have to consider non-IDS activity,

Nylink: Mary Alice Lynch updated the group on Nylink activities affecting IDS.
- LAND: contract is up in 2007. Nylink is seeking suggestions for process for the LAND RFP. Land has been "acquired" by Velocity. There will be a statewide courier services meeting in Colorado in September – we should know more after that. We do have one of the cheapest delivery services in the country. Carey suggested a logistics consultant.
- There will be a Resource Sharing Summit Summer 2007.
- Confidentiality: Queries are confidential, so is the library specific data in the IDS project. Please remember Nylink keeps data private and will be developing a release form.

ILLiad settings: Ed reported that data indicated settings have not been changed in certain libraries for 3 years. Make sure you are set for what you want to do.

John Penn reported back that requests for Ariel may have been there because they are including non-IDS libraries. Everyone should be using Odyssey.

Load-leveling has been handled informally with a "brute force" request to change lending strings. Nylink is trying to find a way to do it, but at this point it does not seem to be an issue. We do want to be ahead of it though. (Ed)

SUNYConnect: Maureen Zakowski reported on the celebration and press conference for the completion of SUNYConnect at HVCC- Provost Salins and Carey Hatch joined students, faculty and staff for demos of the SUNYConnect catalog. CONGRATULATIONS!

SUNY Union Catalog: Carey noted that all borrowing is being done through SFX (or a resolver) and ILLiad. The Borrowing Task Force will have a review of ILLiad by October 1st. They plan an interactive online training module on how to use the Union Catalog.

Kate Pitcher discussed IDS website plans.

The meeting adjourned.