Web Development Group  2/21/06  
Present: Boyd, Candido, Dixon, Dye, Juhl, Miller, Morgan, Nutt, Pearce, Walker

1. Minutes from the 12/13/05 meeting approved

2. Reports:
   a. Jan – MacDonald Imagery Project
      Jan reported on this joint effort with CAST and Geosciences. The next steps are to begin developing the database structure and to update the preliminary web page for the project. Lucija, the student who first worked on the scanning of the imagery and the project web page, will be giving a poster at the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference. The group has applied for a grant extension to fund more scanning, to build metadata, and to load the collection into the new UA Spatial Library of CAST. Input will be needed from the Web Group on how to integrate the CAST pages with the Library site.

      Jan also discussed briefly work on updating the GIS links pages. David Reed, the GIS GA, is checking for broken links. After these are corrected, the group will look at moving items into a database environment.

   b. Judy – Journal Info page
      Judy displayed a handout she had compiled for a class on the differences between popular magazines and scholarly journals. All agreed it should be converted to a web page under the "Guides" section of the site.

   c. Tim – Usability Workshop
      Tim reported on the 2-day workshop he attended at ALA Midwinter. Day one gave examples of gathering feedback and studying usability and day two was on design projects and examples of good and bad design. Tim gave some tips on location of news items, search boxes, catalog names, and other design ideas. The group looked at the University of Rochester's Library site (http://www.library.rochester.edu/) as an example.

      Beth took the opportunity to report on the redesign project. She has asked the Dean for a meeting to determine next directions.

      **Follow-up:** After meeting with the Dean later that afternoon, Beth was given the go-head to continue the redesign project with some version of a red page. It is especially important that the web site, and, later, the online catalog, have the school color featured more prominently. Arthur, Debra, and Beth will proceed with a design for the group's sign off by Spring Break. The goal for releasing the new site will be beginning of summer session.

   d. Arthur and Deb – AgNIC project http://libinfo.uark.edu/agnic
      This project continues successfully. Arthur has designed the administrative pages for Luti and her student assistant to input and update records.

      The group is waiting for communication from AgNIC concerning the ability to import / export records from the general AgNIC portal database.

   e. Molly and Anne Marie – Giving http://libinfo.uark.edu/development/giving.asp
      They will give a report on this next meeting.

   f. Arthur and Beth – new Hours page http://libinfo.uark.edu/hours/weekly.asp
      Arthur reported on this fast-moving project. The group offered comments on the departmental pages and on wording for the administrative offices.

   g. Arthur – Facilities revision / Special Events http://libinfo.uark.edu/facilities/specialevents.asp
      Arthur reported on this enhancement to the Facilities database that will allow Martha and Sheri to better track events needs. The form also includes a new special events policy and procedure.
h. Arthur, Beth, Debra - Supplies Ordering System
   Arthur, Beth, Debra, and Todd met with David Lacy, Lee Holt, Sheri Gallaher concerning the
   inventory software being implemented in Shipping and Receiving. David will update some of
   the inventory fields and then give the database to Web Services to create an interactive
   supplies form for the web site.

i. Tim, Arthur, Beth – Fay Jones Project
   http://libinfo.uark.edu/specialcollections/manuscripts/FayJones/projects.asp
   Beth reported briefly on this effort to update the underlying database for this site (as a short-
   term goal) the more time-intensive effort to redesign and expand the entire site. Beth is
   working with Greta on the database fields while Tim and Arthur will be working on the design
   layer.

j. Debra – CONTENTdm
   Debra reported briefly on her investigations into digital management software and
   preliminary recommendations for the library administration. Cheri observed the difficulties
   that Special Collections has had with needing using the CONTENTdm product for "by request"
   items. Debra hoped that her recommendations would allow the Libraries to move forward
   with this effort.

k. Beth – EResources redesign
   (example)
   Beth briefly mentioned this ongoing project.

l. Molly – AskIT and Campus Calendar
   Molly reported on various activities of the Campus Web Council. They had a very interesting
   demo of the AskIT software and how this could be used as a campus-wide tool. Beth will
   check with Reference on scheduling a demo for both Ref and the Web Group.

Next meeting: Tuesday March 14th at 10 in room 472B.

Respectfully submitted,
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