DSpace and Honors Theses
Juhl welcomed Amy Allen, University Archivist, to the meeting to discuss the campus DSpace implementation and the expected launch date of late fall. This project was begun two years ago with George Fowler and Todd Cantrell, then moved to CAST; ITS and Bobby Holleman are now our chief collaborators.

Two instances of DSpace are currently running on a development server: one for the repository front end where users will be able to browse and search collections and one for student submission of theses. Both use a design layer over DSpace called "Manakin" that was developed at Texas A&M; the student submission interface uses a special layer developed at UT called "Vireo."

Amy's goal for the project is to have the submission interface ready for mid-November so that the college honors administrators can be shown the system and so that a student instructional video can be prepared; the site should be live in December for honors theses to be submitted.

The group looked at various DSpace installations and discussed the "Communities" hierarchy that most sites use.

The immediate task for Morgan and Juul is to work with Allen on minimal customization of the site; there is a rather steep learning curve as the service uses a version control system new to us as well as a rather complex XML / XSL scheme.

Ganson observed that ITS is at work on several projects related to institutional repositories, data archiving, and digital collections, including the RazorVault content management system (https://vault.uark.edu/uarkprd/), the Islandora (http://islandora.ca) framework for a union repository based on Drupal and Fedora, and Judy's own work on the committee investigating the implementation of the NSF mandate for data management. While ITS envisions DSpace as part of these larger projects, the Libraries have an immediate need for this repository, even if DSpace is not the final platform. Ganson emphasized that communication is key, and suggested that we invite Bobby Holleman to our next meeting for more discussion.

Instruction Evaluation Forms
Morgan and Lennertz Jetton reported on the system that is being developed to collect student course evaluations. The Learning Collaborative has requested a few tweaks before going live. One suggestion from the group was to split the course name field into name and number (and section?) to make sorting results easier.

Facebook News
Youngblood and Hartman have joined Spiegel and Boyd as Facebook admins. It was suggested that, as one posts news items, one should also post to FB so that Sarah does not have to watch us all like a proverbial hawk.

George Fisher Project
This project will be ready to show to the UA Board of Advisors today. Thanks to all who worked so hard on it.

Respectfully submitted,

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