Web Development Group 11/08/05

Present: Boyd, Candido, Cantrell, Dye, Juhl, Miller, Morgan, Nutt, Kulczak (for Walker)

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Candido and everyone was very attentive and obedient.

1. Minutes from the 10/25 meeting –approved with two corrections from Dr. Boyd

2. Web Site Designs

   The committee reviewed the two alternate designs.

   Blue / Green Comments

   The group liked the layout very much. Suggestions (some of which also apply to red/ black scheme):
   - make news item text have more contrast against background
   - make the library image on lower right margin a rotating one with different images of all libraries
   - provide a mouseover title attribute spelling out Geographic Information Systems
   - break libraries and collections into two separate lists
   - add Site Index A-Z to all headers
   - Under "Services" amend to Study Rooms and Carrels; add link for First Time Users; add Instruction
   - Under "Find Information" add Arkansas Publications Index

   Red / Black Comments

   Suggestions (in addition to general suggestions, above):
   - Place a class on the black header image so that it does not print (save ink!)
   - Change hours message to "Mullins Library is open..."
   - Change stylesheet so that links in body text are underlined on mouseover
   - change text layout on interior page so that white background matches header width

   After the meeting, Arthur and Beth made most of these changes (excepting the changing the stylesheet for printing the black header image).

   Anne Marie sent the drafts to the Admin Group for their review, asking for a response by November 18. Depending on their response, the entire library staff will then be asked to comment on one or both designs, with the goal of asking for general public comment between Thanksgiving and the end of the year.

3. Silas Hunt Legacy Awards Page
   http://libinfo.uark.edu/silashunt/

   Arthur reported that this project was nearing conclusion. He has added a system for committee members to rate candidates numerically and for those ratings to be tallied.

   This is a useful and tricky bit of coding that we should be able to repurpose later for other projects.

3. Special Collections Thesis / Dissertation Request Page
   http://libinfo.uark.edu/specialcollections/forms/storagerequest.asp

   Beth reported that this form was now in place and in use.

   Judy asked if materials other than theses or dissertations in Storage that patrons might use this form to request. Tim reported that there are some collections – both processed and unprocessed – in remote storage, but that Spec Coll might not want users to request these by form. Beth will check with Andrea to see if we need to add a third category.
4. AgNIC project
http://www.agnic.org/
Debra reported that the deadline for this project had been moved up, if possible, to the end of the month. AgNIC (Agriculture Network Information Center) is a portal program from the National Agriculture Library that draws together specialized ag information from dozens of partner libraries; UAF will develop the rice research portal.

She and Arthur are meeting this week to develop a “quick” interface that may or may not use database technology. The basic plan is to get a front door built by December 1st.

Next meeting: Tuesday November 22nd at 10am (tentative – if needed)

Action / agenda items:
• Admin / staff response to web page designs
• AgNIC project
• Honors theses / Institutional Repositories reports
• Beth to continue to develop engineering portal with Patricia Kirkwood
• Molly and Anne Marie will continue to work on “Give to the Libraries” page

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Juhl

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