

Council on Libraries and Information Technology
March 6, 2008

Minutes

Present: Daniel Avorgbedor, Theodore Bauer, Joseph Branin, Karen Bruns, Roy Joshua, Meri Meredith, Kenneth Pearlman, Greg Smith, Les Tannenbaum, Michael Veres

Absent: Fritz Graf, Michael Hemmelgarn, Kathleen Wallace

Guests: Meg Buzzi, Tschera Connell, Trisha Davis, Celeste Feather, Bob Kalal

1. OSU Pro

Meg Buzzi presented on OSU Pro and gave a live demonstration at <http://pro.osu.edu>. Pro was developed as a joint venture to gather information about faculty expertise by the Health Sciences Library, the CIO's Office, and the University Libraries. OAA has worked with Pro to develop objectives for the next academic year. Pro will now be the definitive source for documentation for fourth-year tenure review. Colleges are now using Pro for internal purposes to compile information on faculty. Pro now receives data from university administrative offices to automatically populate information such as classes taught. Some departments such as University Libraries has dedicated staff to work on inputting content for their faculty members. There are public profiles and internal profiles that display, and each individual is able to control what type of information displays where. One of the biggest challenges is populating Pro with information, but the advantage is that the university will have a central system that is supported to maintain faculty profiles and dossiers. Pro is capable of exporting information to populate faculty web pages, but generally web page information cannot be imported into Pro. In addition to publications and presentations, outreach and grant activities are also robust parts of Pro. There are extensive reporting capabilities. Individual faculty members are the only ones able to validate the accuracy of their information in Pro, and in the next few weeks Pro will implement an electronic certification or sign-off process so that it is clear if the faculty has validated the information or not.

2. Food Service in Thompson Library

“The Council on Libraries and Information Technology fully supports the installation of a permanent food service in the renovated Thompson Library. We believe the inclusion of a café in the Thompson Library is vital to the success of that new facility as an inviting and welcoming place of learning, contemplation, and study. The success of the café in the Thompson Library prior to the renovation is a testament to the importance of food service at this campus location.”

An email vote was solicited and the results reported as follows: 7 yes, 1 yes with reservations (assurance that it would be outside the book stack area and not disturb the quiet of the library), and 2 non-responses.

3. Author's Rights

The committee reviewed the draft document about author's rights and discussed the process of forwarding a recommendation to Faculty Council in support of efforts for Ohio State authors to retain their rights. Members of this committee should meet with a core group of members from the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility to understand their concerns before forwarding another recommendation to Faculty Council. Joe and Karen will work together to move this forward.

Proposed Next Meeting Times and Agenda Items:

Textbooks

Cybersecurity

Friday, April 18, 10-11:30 am (Digital Union)

Tuesday, May 13, 1-2:30 pm (SEL 090)