Collections and Access Working Group

Charge

The Collections and Access Working Group (CAWG) ensures that Libraries resources dedicated to developing collections and to providing access to these collections, including purchased/subscribed, donated, freely available, locally digitized or born digital, are invested wisely and in the best interest of the user.

This working group will promote a collaborative and integrative approach to the acquisition of scholarly resources in support of teaching, learning and research. CAWG will replace the Bibliographers’ Advisory Group.

Areas of focus include but are not limited to:

- Identify priorities for acquiring major resources, including digital resources
- Establish priorities and best practices for providing intellectual access to resources across multiple formats and emerging forms of content, such as digital media, datasets, etc.
- Establish guidelines and best practices for collection assessment and management (cancellations, reducing physical collections, e-resources, etc.)
- Recommend strategic directions related to consortia and national initiatives, such as demand driven print acquisitions, Hathi Trust, shared print repositories
- Recommend metadata policies related to consortia and national initiatives as needed
- Coordinate agendas for subject specialist meetings

Membership

Departmental representatives may include one member from each of the following departments (selected by the Department Director): Archives & Special Collections; Humanities; Social Sciences; Sciences; a liaison from the Scholarly Communications WG; 2 members at large. The working group will invite members of other departments or working groups to meetings as needed.

The term of service should be 2-3 years, staggered. An effort should be made to rotate members from departments, and to select members from both faculty and staff.

Leadership Model

CAWG will be co-facilitated by the directors of Metadata Services and Scholarly Resource Development.

Taskforces, standing committees and other groups

CAWG will create additional task forces or smaller working groups as it deems appropriate and will coordinate with affected departments, units or participating libraries. Representatives to taskforces and other groups may be recruited from outside of the CAWG membership.

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