Scholarly Communications Working Group

Access to scholarly resources is central to teaching and learning in the academy. As new models for scientific and scholarly exchange emerge, the Libraries will develop innovative and sustainable solutions for the creation, evaluation, dissemination and preservation of scholarly research contributions. In partnership with campus and external collaborators, the Libraries will pursue cohesive strategies for the adoption of digital technologies and emerging services to support major national directives and international initiatives for evolving systems of scholarly communications. These partnerships will also involve the development of new digital content in support of research and teaching.

Charge
To foster and promote an integrative and scalable approach to scholarly communications issues within the Libraries, campus and CU System. This includes identifying strategic directions and collaborating within the Libraries and with other entities to implement programs and services.

- Implement a digital repository
- Develop outreach and consultation services in support of open access and author’s rights issues
- Coordinate data curation, archiving and management
- Investigate and recommend tools and applications for the robust dissemination of digital collections in multiple formats
- Identify solutions for long term preservation of digital resources

Membership
Departmental representatives may include one member from each of the following departments (selected by the Department Director): Special Materials; Humanities; Social Sciences; STEM; Metadata Services; LIT; Resource Management; and 2-3 additional members/stakeholders appointed by the Management Team.

The term of service should be 3 years, staggered. An effort should be made to rotate members from departments, and to select members from both faculty and staff. WG members should not be part of the Management Team. There will also be a Management Team Liaison, chosen from among the departments listed above. The working group should invite members of other departments or working groups as needed.

Leadership Model
The SCWG Coordinator will be elected by the standing membership, in keeping with the Libraries’ Working Group model, and will serve a 3 year renewable term. The Coordinator cannot be a member of the Management Team. The Coordinator and Management Team Liaison should be from different departments.

Taskforces, standing committees and other groups
This Working Group will succeed the Digital Strategies Committee. The Scholarly Communications Working Group (SCWG) 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 SCWG membership. Management Team recommends the following groups:
Priorities
The SCWG will prioritize its activities and make recommendations to the Management Team regarding resources as needed. Because this Working Group contributes to new services and intellectual content that are critical to future of the Libraries, the SCWG will disseminate information broadly and communicate regularly with the Management Team.

Immediate priorities for 2012 will be:
1) Prepare DigiTool policies for full release by Fall semester, 2012
   a. Develop repository policies in conjunction with appropriate collaborators and authorities.
   b. Coordinate promotion of DigiTool as Green OA scholarly communications service.
   c. Prepare internal workshops on scholarly communications issues, including author-rights management, open access publishing models and their value.
   d. Suggest cross-departmental workflows for the long-term management of DigiTool by spring 2013.
   e. Investigate relationships with VIVO, learning object repository, and OCG.

2) Promote Libraries role in research data services.
   a. Work with Research Computing to integrate Libraries role in data.colorado.edu
   b. Finalize the Libraries Research Data Management Services web pages
   c. Play an active role in providing consulting service to researchers in writing data management plans

3) Study, identify, and recommend necessary digital infrastructure requirements (including server space) to fully address the Libraries' needs for archiving, curating, preserving, and delivering intellectual content-- print, audio, video, and born digital formats.

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