Minutes of IRTF June 15, 2004 LHS 9 AM – 10:10 AM

Present: Ann Weller, John Cullars, Mircea Stefancu, Lisa Zhao, Sara Blaszczak, David Austin by phone

**Announcements**

Doug Bicknese has to go to Louisiana with his Illinois National Guard unit. Deirdre Rawls has accepted a new job and is leaving UIC as of June 30.

Ann announced that Mary Case will attend our July 21 meeting. It will allow us to present our timeline and recommendations, and specifics on the software packages we have researched.

**Conclusions drawn from presentations**

Discussion of SPARC Webcast (June 10) and Webwise video (June 1). After starting with little knowledge, we’ve learned so much in three months that we found most of the expert testimony confirms our own impressions. Generally we’re on the right track with our recommendations for policies, strategies to encourage participation, and planning for long term preservation as well as evaluating software. We don’t have to reinvent the wheel, and both presentations showed that information and advice are available for the asking.

**Continued software evaluation**

A list of pros and cons for software was distributed prior to the meeting. Evaluations to be added to this draft by June 23: Fedora (David), Eprints (Lisa), and DLXS at Univ. of Mich. (Sara). Include these facts: Is metadata containing Unicode being supported? What platform is it being run on? What universities are using them?

Please submit software evaluations to Ann Weller by June 23, if you volunteered to do additional research.

Discussion continued on D-space, I-TOR, CDSWare, Eprints and MyCORe

Meeting adjourned 10:10 AM