

IMLS Grant Conference Call—May 12, 2004

1. Rachel Frick reported that the agreement has been faxed to Digital Divide. DD received the microfilm on Friday. DD is happy with the timeline we have established for its work. We will have at least 200 images by June 4. This is the first of several built-in opportunities to check quality and decide whether or not we want to continue with DD.
2. Jim Rettig reported that the Richmond team has identified five intended outcomes. It has begun to develop the logic model for the first of these. The group will do the same for the other four intended outcomes. Jim will send out the document in its current in-progress state.
3. A small team from UR has had opportunities through visits to Johns Hopkins and UVa to take a good look at D-Space and Fedora. We need to meet with decision makers and discuss the pros and cons of each and establish what personnel resources we can commit to installation, maintenance, etc., of a repository. D-Space is easier to bring up initially but does not offer as much flexibility in the longer range as does Fedora. D-Space serves well for preprints and Word documents. Fedora, on the other hand, requires more work at implementation.

Greg Crane has access to Fedora at Tufts. Fedora has been installed at UR by Academic Technology Services on both a PC and a Mac.

UVa is putting its student newspaper into Fedora and will share its knowledge about making a newspaper accessible through Fedora. In July UVa will host a meeting for those interested in putting newspapers into Fedora.

Nancy will schedule a meeting of UR decision makers on this issue. If possible we will include Greg Crane in that meeting by telephone.
4. During the next two weeks Bob Kenzer will contact likely conference participants and try to secure commitments that they will attend the October 25 conference. Pat Schoknecht has reserved rooms and alerted catering to put this even on its schedule.
5. Jim Rettig says work is progressing on the extension request from IMLS. The departure of the UR grants budget expert has caused this to slow down..
6. It is desirable to have a name for the project. Brief brainstorming after the call itself concluded yielded “Civil War Richmond” or “Civil War Richmond on the Web” (CROW). The first if these will serve as the projects name unless something better comes to light.