

IMLS Grant Conference Call—December 9, 2004

1. Andrew Rouner reported that he has finished high-level tagging of a sample file (i.e., one issue of the *Richmond Dispatch*). He has had to go beyond the tag set available in TIE lite. This file is available on Boatwright Library's BCC server. He has put it along with files from Digital Divide on a dis; he will send that via FedEx to Tufts.
 - a. Before manual tagging the file was just over 300K. After tagging it had grown to 596K.
 - b. Greg Crane suggested that he may have several others do high-quality tagging/high-cost tagging. This will help to identify the cost of this level of quality.
2. Rachel Frick was not able to participate in the call. However her report, distributed by e-mail December 7, explains how production from Digital Divide is progressing. DD has produced more files than agreed to for this point. DD should have all files delivered by the end of August 2005.
3. Pat Schoknecht was not able to participate in the call. The group discussed her thorough report of responses from participants in the October conference.
 - a. Bob Kenzer noted that there were no surprises—respondents support the project and affirm its focus on the newspaper digitization and on providing quality access to its contents..
 - b. Jim Rettig reported that at the conclusion of the conference he met with Martha Crawley and allayed her concern that the project might fall prey to scope creep and try to digitize some of the wide range of ancillary materials identified by conference participants.
4. Jim Rettig reported that earlier in the week the grants budget overseer at UR had completed a revised project budget for both institutions. He will discuss it with the person who prepared it. It will then be shared with Tufts. After Tufts approves it Jim Rettig will begin work on the request to extend the project through May 2006.
5. The group discussed the IMLS WebWise conference announced earlier this week and to be held in Washington in mid-February. Nobody from either the UR nor the Tufts team has attended this conference in the past.
 - a. The announcement is not clear about opportunities to submit proposals for presenting papers at the conference.
 - b. Jim Rettig will check with contacts at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Greg Crane will check with contacts at Johns Hopkins to learn more about the conference.

Summary drafted by James Rettig