EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES COUNCIL
MEETING – OCTOBER 3, 2008
MINUTES


1) Library and bSpace – C. Booth
   The Library is continuing the partnership with Educational Technology Services (ETS) to integrate Library resources and collections within bSpace. Further discussion of this topic is scheduled for the meeting on November 7.

   ACTION: Council members should logon to bSpace at bspace.berkeley.edu to have some familiarity with it before the November Council meeting.

   ACTION: C. Booth will survey library staff on their current use of bSpace. Council members are encouraged to contact C. Booth with questions.

   ACTION: C. Booth will add relevant materials and links to the Educational Initiatives Council wiki.

2) Online Tutorials – J. Dorner and M. Prutsman
   As coordinator of the Tutorial Early Adopters group, M. Prutsman will be inviting C. Booth and Kelly Gordon to join the group. Other members include: Pat Maughan, Corliss Lee, Lisa Ngo, Tim Dilworth, Heather Thams.

   J. Dorner discussed recent conversations with UCLA about the possibility of sharing tutorial development files via Sharepoint so they can be easily customized. Sharing tutorials about Next Generation Melvyl was one possibility. If successful, TEA will work out permissions and access issues. The question of statistics and assessment measures for tutorials arose again, and may benefit from a future task force focus.

   ACTION: J. Dorner will update the Council after further exploration of Sharepoint or other methods for System-wide sharing of tutorial files.

3) Course Guides Project – E. Dupuis
   The Council reviewed the recommendations from the Course Guides Working Group and draft document “Tips for Creating Online Course-related Library Guides”. Discussion highlighted the desire to help library staff follow sound pedagogical and instructional design principles as well as have technological support. A future open forum on this topic could
help highlight this topic with context, examples, panel of people experienced with this approach, and discussion; many members felt it necessary to address these two issues together. In the meantime, the Council agreed to finalize the tips document and to create a central web page that describes the range of instructional services and creates a home for links to course-related web pages from all libraries.

ACTION: J. Dorner will draft a proposed central page for the Library web site to be reviewed at a future Council meeting for comments. J. Dorner and L. Grigsby-Standfill will carry this topic to a future Web Advisory Group meeting for further consideration.

ACTION: J. Dorner, C. Lee, M. Miller, and C. Booth will collaborate to finalize the Tips document for final review at the November 7 meeting. This will be announced to library staff as a resource for those staff comfortable with the current technology.

4) Partnership with faculty about Library’s Educational Role. – E. Dupuis
The New Faculty Reception, one of the Library’s New Directions initiatives, was discussed. Members mentioned a future focus on “what can the Library do for me”, reconsidering the time of year and day, maintaining the informality, adding a gift (FSM certificate, copy card, etc) and continuing this as an in-person event. Next steps for identifying how the Library can best address this issue with consideration for limited resources will be a future Council topic. Starter ideas were gathered by D. Eifler from the New Directions faculty interviews.

ACTION: Council members should review documentation on the EIC wiki under “Faculty Partnerships and Engagement” to help formulate high impact, practical actions for consideration. Further discussion will take place at the Council’s meeting in December.