



PRO: Professional Record Online

Steering Committee Minutes

October 7, 2014

Steering Committee Members Present: Mary Lee Hummert, chair; Danny Anderson, Marta Caminero-Santangelo, Ben Eggleston, Matt Garrett, Diane Goddard, Roy Lytle, Linda Mannering, Jonathan Mayhew, Sara Rosen, Deb Teeter, Rodolfo Torres

Jonathan Mayhew, President of the University Senate, Jim Carothers, President of the Faculty Senate, and Marta Caminero-Santangelo are new members.

There was general discussion summarizing progress since December 2011 when the initial load of faculty CVs began. Over 1,400 CVs for all full-time faculty and research faculty are loaded. Approximately 425,000 permanent records reside in the PRO database. Ninety-five percent of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences faculty participated in training 2013-2014. An update on current activities included mention of units currently participating in training: Architecture, Design, and Planning, Engineering, Pharmacy, and University Libraries. Three research centers will be the last to train in December and January: Higuchi Biosciences, LifeSpan Studies, and KS Geological Survey. The PRO Team continues to work on citation styles that will suit the science, mathematics, and engineering disciplines. They should be available spring 2015 for use in generating PRO reports. There is widespread use of PRO for annual report (merit report) preparation and units new to PRO are rolling out annual reports for 2014.

Summer of 2014, IT enhanced the CMS/Drupal connection to PRO by making publications available. Faculty may 'toggle' publications on/off in PRO for display on web pages. In upcoming weeks, artistic works, exhibitions, and grants/contracts information will be enabled in PRO for faculty web page display. The next priority will be to offer additional style formats (Chicago, MLA, and CSE) for publications display on web pages. Matt Garrett demonstrated the CMS to PRO integration and showed the committee how publications from PRO look on faculty web pages.

Faculty representatives Ben Eggleston and Jonathan Mayhew remarked on improvements to data entry functions this year and requested 'reminder' communications about updating PRO.

Linda reported that the size of the PRO data entry team has been reduced, but will continue to offer data entry services for new faculty and those who request additional assistance. Amanda Kulp was hired as Program Manager to carry out PRO development tasks and supervise the PRO Team. She begins in December, 2014. Linda will stay involved as Project Director. KU English graduate, Joyce Bohling, is assisting with training this year.

The committee discussed future PRO development and priorities including the display of web page information and formats for displaying grant information, use of PRO information for the KU Faculty Expertise Portal and the KU collaboration tool called Mycommunity. Matt reported



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that the requirements gathering phase for the KU Faculty Expertise Portal has not begun, but that the work he is doing to launch PRO information to faculty web pages will lay the foundation for the Portal.

The steering committee talked about external tools such as ORCID Faculty Profiles, NIH Faculty Profiles and other web-based organizations that could be populated to increase KU faculty visibility. Linda will coordinate with Rodolfo Torres to organize and prioritize. Sara Rosen said that summary information from PRO will be incorporated into Program Review documents in the future such as the counts shown in the Annual Department Summaries.

The steering committee was informed about the procedure for responding to requests that ask for information from PRO. Requestors are directed to available sources. Mary Lee Hummert and the executive members of the PRO Steering Committee recommend responses to such requests. There were fewer than five this year.

Linda said that the second annual meeting hosted by Digital Measures calls for delegate voting to establish priorities for development 2014-2015. The conference will be in Milwaukee Oct 12-14, 2014. Two of the top KU priorities will be to add 'date last updated' information to records in PRO and to upgrade publication import functionality (to allow for updating only selected data.) Digital Measures is exploring relationships with open source and for-profit publication indexes/vendors to increase options for importing publications to PRO. KU also supports this effort.

Minutes prepared by Linda Mannering