

Queen's Digital Scholarly Record Working Group – Meeting Notes

April 19, 2018

2:30-3:30

Stauffer Library Room 210

Present: Courtney Matthews, Don Aldridge, Rosarie Coughlan, Adam Grotzky, Amir Fam, Cynthia Fekken, Isabel Luce, Karina McKinnis, Heather McMullen, Michael Vandenburg, Martha Whitehead (Chair)

Regrets: Brenda Brouwer

1. Review of agenda

No additions

2. Minutes of January 23rd, 2018

No changes

3. Open access publishing and reputability

A. Fam raised for discussion the issue that researchers need to publish in the most reputable journals in their field and these are often not open access. The moves towards reputable open access options that have occurred in some disciplines may take longer in others, such as Engineering. It was noted that posting articles in open repositories is another path to open access, except publisher restrictions can make this slow or impossible. The group discussed the issue of predatory publishers. C. Fekken noted that there is growing awareness and with the work of groups such as COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) predatory journals will likely be gone within 10 years. R. Coughlan reported that information about predatory publishers is being included in the researcher training series in development.

4. Report sign off

M. Whitehead asked for any further comments on the draft report dated April 10. D. Aldridge requested a change to a sentence on page 5 relating to Centre for Advanced Computing (CAC) funding. The group discussed how to convey that CAC is managing effectively while at the same time signaling the importance of sustainable funding. It was agreed that the sentence will now read "The Centre for Advanced Computing has initiated new service offerings to meet some researchers' needs, and with coordination and sustainable funding more could be done." The group had no further changes and accepted the report as final.

5. Next steps

The group agreed that its work was concluded, with this follow-up:

- The report will be submitted to the Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic) and the Vice-Principal (Research) and posted on the group's wiki page.
- It will be sent for information to the Senate Advisory Research Committee and the Senate Library Committee.

- It will be presented to the Queen's Digital Planning Project Group for follow-up in the development of the university's digital strategy. M. Whitehead noted that the Vice-Principal (Research) had provided suggestions for researchers in various disciplines to engage in this follow-up, and A. Fam spoke in favour of that broad engagement.
- As noted in the recommendations, proposals for inclusion in 2019-20 to 2021-22 budget plans will be coordinated amongst ITServices, the Centre for Advanced Computing and the Library, to address immediate gaps in platforms and the human resources required to deliver appropriate services.

6. Other business

M. Whitehead congratulated and thanked the group for its work and members thanked her for her leadership.