# Summary of Meeting on March 17, 2006

In attendance: Aimee De Chambeau, Cornelia Creel, Bee Farina, Maryanne Vigneaux, Hélène Volat, Paul Wiener Invited: Kristen Nyitray, Jason Torre

#### PROMOTIONAL IDEA:

Kristen and Jason gave us background, including a flier, about an initiative called DSpace. Started at MIT, SUNY Central has become the hub for those colleges in NYS who would like to participate in this archive repository. Those on campus can submit to Special Collections a DVD or CD (preferred over a pdf file) of content such as reports, presentations, technical reports, and newsletters, which will then link to SUNY Central. DSpace is indexed to go to Google. Announcements will be available by the end of April – beginning of May to faculty, staff and students on campus. This team will advertise this service in the following ways: by sending postcards to faculty, by putting a description in campus Announcements, Library Homepage and Blog, by sending an e-mail to department heads, by presenting at a University Senate meeting, by informing Grants Management as it pertains to research reports. This topic may lend itself to a library forum and Jason was willing to be a presenter, perhaps in May. At the next new faculty luncheon a packet will be made to include information about DSpace.

## **BOOKBAGS**:

A design was approved by members of this team and staff in public service areas where the bag would be distributed. Richie, who is providing the funding, decided to further check with Demco (not on contract and which offered a lower price) and upon meeting with Joan Dickinson in Communications was informed that the design had too much detail to print well. Everything is on hold while we wait for a reworked design. Discussion led to the conclusion that it would be better to use the team's funds and stick with an approved vendor to get the job done!

## **BLOG:**

We returned to this topic (having introduced it as a location for news about DSpace). The group got fired up when the notion was introduced to change the homepage by eliminating the current Library News and instead putting a link to the blog in its place. Many thought the Library News - at the lower part of the homepage - was too busy and some of the group did not read the information. Another opinion, strongly stated, was that the news was an important feature and shouldn't be removed. For now, we will keep both the current homepage and include a link to the blog, however there is duplicity of work time in doing this.

## **ELISSA:**

Elissa, who set up the blog with Aimee, will no longer be on the team as she has accepted a job at a branch of the New York Public Library. Aimee informed us that Kristen will contribute the Event information to the blog as she presently does for the homepage. In this way, the blog will be updated by two staff members.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATE** 

Apr. 12th

**FUTURE DATES:** 

May 10