



ARCA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, July 25, 2016

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Via teleconference

Attending	
April Haddad / JIBC	Debbie Schachter / DC (Chair)
Kim Isaac / UFV	Don Taylor / SFU
Brenda Mathenia / TRU	
Shahida Rashid / COTR	Anita Cocchia / BC ELN
James Rout / ECUAD	Sunni Nishimura / BC ELN

MINUTES

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

D. Schachter noted that E. Padilla has stepped down from the Advisory Committee, as J. Rout is now representing BCIT. Thanks were extended to E. Padilla for her work on all the Arca committees.

2. Discovery Layer Solution Motion

A. Cocchia and S. Nishimura provided context for the motion. At the May 19, 2016 Arca Advisory Committee meeting, a motion was passed to approve the recommendation of the Discovery Layer Task Group (DLTG). The recommendation was to redirect any further efforts on an Arca-specific discovery layer into the Provincial Digital Library initiative.

In June 2016, it was brought to the Arca Admin Centre's attention by a member of the DLTG that the Digital Public Library of America toolkit might meet the requirements for a cross-repository search tool. Initial investigations have been very promising, and a working model has been achieved that allows searches across most BC post-secondary repositories. These DPLA explorations represent a timely opportunity for Arca, and approval of the motion would enable further evaluation and development of a prototype.

MOTION: That the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) toolkit be used to build a prototype cross-repository search tool for Arca.

Moved: B. Mathenia Seconded: S. Rashid

All in favour.

The Committee discussed next steps, which will include:

- Developing an expenditure plan for implementing the DPLA toolkit - it is anticipated that costs will mostly be for staff time, hosting and development of the user interface;

- Fully implementing a prototype that searches across BC post-secondary repositories;
- Following-up to make sure the software meets functional requirements developed by the Discovery Layer Task Group, to be done in collaboration with the Chair of the dissolved Discovery Layer Task Group;
- Developing an implementation plan and timeline for the next Advisory Committee meeting;
- Customising the user interface for the discovery platform.

3. Next meeting

The next standing meeting date is September 15, 2016. Committee members pointed out that this is the date of a COPPUL meeting, so many would not be able to attend.

ACTION: The Arca Admin Centre will facilitate finding another meeting date in September.