# NEOS TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

## March 5, 2020

MacEwan University, City Centre Campus

## MINUTES

**Present:**   Susan Jones, Chair (MacEwan), Anne Carr-WIggin (NEOS), Vanessa Bangay (MacEwan), Ian Bigalow (U of A), Jolene Linfitt (Kings), Karina Dunn (Vanguard), Abigail Sparling (U of A), Brian Sterns (U of A), Lisa Drysdale (AGL)

**Teleconf:**   Tara Sommerfeld (Covenant Health), Myrna Dean (Concordia), Nicole O'Conner (GPRC), Rachel Martins (NLC), Taras Kurylo (Alberta Innovates), Wilmer Tenerife (Burman), Laura Somerville (Lakeland), Caroline Vandriel (Olds), Kathy Williams (Lakeland), Tara Gunsch (RDC), Maria Haubrich (RDC), Linda White (Keyano)

**Guests:**   Sharon Farnell, University of Alberta, Abigail Sparling, University of Alberta, Brian Stearns, University of Alberta, Kathy Williams, Lakeland College, Vanessa Bangay, MacEwan University, Maria Haubrich, Red Deer College


1.  **Call to Order\Welcome\Introductions**
2.  **Committee Member Updates (Anne Carr -Wiggin, NEOS)**
    a.  **Alberta Health Services:** Donna Gordon has stepped down. Replacement member?
        **Result:** No official notification yet, but Anne will track down an answer for us.

    b.  **Burman University**

3.  **Review and Additions to the Agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda
4.  **Approval of the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting**
    The minute prepared by Lisa Drysdale (Alberta Government Library) were approved.

5.  **Updates from U of A (Ian Bigelow, University of Alberta)**

    **Guidelines for Minimally Punctuated Bibliographic Records**
    UAL will be shifting to the creation of minimally punctuated bib records based on this outline.  This is in alignment with work with PCC and for conversion to BIBFRAME. Prerequisites include tools for processing records with OCLC and MARCEdit, and associated training. We intend to include NEOS in training/overview sessions when they are held at UAL (virtual attendance). More information can be found here

    **Result:** U of A wil be moving ahead and training will be available soon. Please review the documents. Reference to standards in Doc 1 is suffecient to include the puncuation change so no adjustment necessary.


    **Scheduling OCLC Reclamation**: For those interested in OCLC reclamation, please update the attendance list here and Ian will organize a session for initial planning and scheduling shortly.

[NEOS SmartPort List]() : The SmartPort list has been updated and feedback is welcome. The document is contuinually monitored.

NorQuest is reporting some challenges when searching Smartport and Elaine is lookng at the error. If you are exoperiencing any technical issues contact Elaine at the U of A.

**LAC follow up on Voila: Deferred** (call with UAL pending later in March)
More details soon.

**Sirsi Cataloguing Configuration Updates:** Several changes were made to configuration in Sirsi prior to the new year. A new Discovery Operations Team will soon be forming at UAL, which along with other tasks will help triage updates to SOLR/Data mapping as changes are made in workflows.

*For now, please document cataloguing configuration requests [here](). as it is tracked thorugh this link, not through uahelp.*

**001/003:** The U of A has completed the change to the 001/003 fields and the 003 field should be automatically changing to <CaAEU> when the field 001 is updated.

**New Business**

6. **Decolonizing Description Project update (Sharon Farnel, University of Alberta)**

    Proposal: the committee is aware of the technical challenges of the multiple systems and would like to start with implementing a small set of terms and continue to work with Indigenous communities to create appropriate subject terms to replace the outdated catalogue terminology.

    **Action:** Create a task force to aid the process of getting the terminology updated. A call will go to the tech services for working group members.

    **Action**: A NEOS statement created to explain that we are aware of the urgency of the situation and  are working to complete the process with consultation from the community.

7. **MacEwan University – Indigenization Initiative**

    a. Investigate making tag 386 an actionable item **(Brian Stearns, University of Alberta)**

        **Result:** Using the 386 would make the record useful for users in OCLC and makes item more consitent with other libraries and metadata.

    b. Initiative:MacEwan seeks guidance from the NEOS Technical Services Committee on the following indigenization initiatives, specifically asking, in the following which would be the preferred form:

<ol type="i">
<li>MacEwan proposes to start using certain LCSH as "genre" terms to categorize holdings that are not necessarily "about" the term, such as Indigenous filmmakers, or Indigenous authors.</li>
<li>MacEwan proposes to add "Indigenous content" as a local subject or genre heading to applicable bibliographic records as a means of identifying MacEwan holdings with content of indigenous interest:</li>
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**Result:**
The example list in **8.b.i** should be placed in the 386 field as decided in section **8.a**.

The example listed in **8.b.ii** should be placed in the 655 field with completed subjects created from the Decolonization task force. (**655#7 Indigenous content.|2local**)

8. **Government budget impact (Ian Bigelow, University of Alberta)**

   a. Macewan and OCLC - Obtaining records from OCLC (from OCLC or direct from vendor) OCLC has advised that vendor records will be available with an acount (no subscription needed) and this will be confirmed at the next Tech Services meeting.

   b. General discussion as it relates to impact for cataloguing and collections work across NEOS

9. **BIBFRAME update (Ian Bigelow, University of Alberta)**
   UAL is working on implementing BIBFRAME. All ongoing and project work in CatMet will be viewed with an eye towards conversion to, and working with BIBFRAME and associated systems.

   a. Canadian BIBFRAME Readiness Task Force [Plain language description of BIBFRAME](#)

      **Result:** Survey analysis is to come.

   b. [LD4P and Sinopia](#)

      **Result:** will prompt for a login but it will let you in and is cautiously recommended.

   c. [Share-VDE Portal](#), J. Cricket Editor, and the Sapientia Knowledge Base

   d. URI enrichment in MARC

   e. Testing BIBFRAME to MARC is currently testing (began Dec 2019)

      **Action:** U of A curently has access to tools so there are thoughts of adding a workshop to the NEOS Conference in the future.

   f. **[Quarterly NEOS Cataloguing Virtual Workshops](#) (Ian Bigelow, University of Alberta)**

      **Result:** This would provide an opportunity to discuss cataloguing with other cataloguers and help build a community of practice in NEOS.

10. **Outstanding business from the November 26, 2019 meeting**

   a. **NEOS Continuing Resource Management & Cataloguing surveys (Abigail Sparling, University of Alberta):** Discussion of initial findings and report from the Serials documentation group.

      **Action:** Original group will meet and put together recommendations from the surveys. A call will go out for a group to meet and provide documentation for continuing resources in NEOS.

   b. **Open Access sets (NEOS Free) and usage across NEOS (ALL)**

      i. **From June 13, 2019 meeting:** "there was a discussion about how open access items show up behind a paywall with a proxy. Abigail at UofA is currently investigating. It was noted that Workflows needs a clear structure for having OA items loaded. The ebook team is working on a draft for NEOS Free sets and will share with the committee when it is ready"). **Has there been any progress on this item?**

         **Action:**. The monograph team will have a look at the draft document that is to be sent out to NEOS members. Abigail (U of A) will be creating a document on ejournals and OA in the catalogue.

      ii. **From Nov 26, 2019 meeting:** Ian Bigelow (University of Alberta Libraries) will set up a Google doc for discussion of NEOS Free/OA sets

         **Result:** This is part of the workstream of the draft document of 11.b.i.

   c. **Free Access Journals in the NEOS Catalogue Blacklight Interface (Tara Gunsch, Red Deer College, and ALL)**

      i. *Free Access* links are disappearing in Blacklight from some Open Access resources. We have a better diagnosis of the problem and a potential solution (a new catalogue policy)

      ii. Discuss a new catalogue policy for keeping (or adding) *Free Access* links in the 856$3 so that links appear in Blacklight (where these behave differently than in iLink). This would include, NOT removing the 856$3 links when there are institutions on the record that rely on that link to point users to their institution's access

         **Result:** Maria (RDC) will have more discussions with Abigail and Ian to try to figure out if this is a technical issue with possible solutions or if its a cataloguing issue.

d. **Blacklight 500 Error (Tara Gunsch, Red Deer Library, and Susan Jones, MacEwan University)**: In Blacklight, there is an ongoing issue, for many ebooks, with a 500 error coming up when clicking, from a results list, on a record for an ebook. Update on progress to fix this (Update request - Ticket #20200129101)

" "Thanks for your email. I and our development team have been working on this problem, but we haven't yet figured out a solution. I don't believe the problem is related to bibliographic data (e.g. bulk loaded electronic items), though after investigating a few options we haven't figured out the underlying issue. We are currently working on two avenues to try to resolve the problem: First, to automate the transfer of configuration information (e.g. library short-codes, etc) from Symphony to Blacklight in order to keep them up to date. This is something we needed to do anyway, and I suspect that at least part of the problem may be related to Blacklight not being up to date with Symphony configuration. Second, we have installed a diagnostic tool on the NEOS Blacklight which will report more granular error message to the development team. One issue we've been having is that it has been difficult to replicate the problem consistently. This tool will report information whenever the problem happens, so we should be able to get a better sense of what's happening under the hood when the error occurs.

I've included Kenton on this reply, as I understand he has been providing some updates to NEOS as well.

Thanks,

Sam." – email to Susan Jones dated Monday, March 2, 2020.

**Result:** Still in progress

e. **Document Review (Anne Carr-Wiggin, NEOS)**
    i. Committee Terms of Reference *(old business)* ***Anne will send text.***
    ii. NEOS General Agreement on Shared Principles for Cataloguing *(new business)*
        **Result:** Call for people to review the general agreement.

f. **Catalogathon (Anne Carr-Wiggin, NEOS, and Brian Stearns, University of Alberta)**

**Result:** Brian and Anne will discuss offline.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.**