

## Agenda for Research and Instructional Services Meeting, 10-11am, September 27, 2012

- MOOCs – what they are and why they are happening now in higher education
  - Massive open online courses
  - Why is MIT doing this?
    - MIT seeks through the development of *MITx* to improve education both on the MIT campus and around the world. On campus, *MITx* will be coupled with an Institute-wide research initiative on online teaching and learning. The online learning tools that *MITx* develops will benefit the educational experience of residential students by supplementing and reinforcing the classroom and laboratory experiences.
    - Beyond the MIT campus, *MITx* will endeavor to break down barriers to education in two ways.
      1. It will offer the online teaching of MIT courses to people around the world and the opportunity for able learners to gain certification of mastery of MIT material.
      2. It will make freely available to educational institutions everywhere the open-source software infrastructure on which *MITx* is based.
    - Since it launched OpenCourseWare (OCW) 10 years ago, MIT has been committed to using technology to improve and greatly widen access to education. The launch of *MITx* represents a next step forward in that effort.
- These are early days
- MIT Libraries Strategic Objective: Engage with MITx. Its goals are:
  - Reach out to key participants
  - Identify the needs of MIT faculty and students for library and information services
  - Begin to scope the changes and effort required by the Libraries to support MITx
- What has happened to date on the project
  - What we've learned about MITx and edX
  - Copyright and edX
  - Video production support for MITx
  - Thinking about Libraries engagement with MITx courses (8.02x, 7.012x, 3.091x)
  - Collaboration with Harvard and Berkeley Libraries – 3 possible project areas
    - Fair Use
      1. Leverage ARL; Ann will work to bring ARL resources and partners to bear on how fair use can be used to support MOOCs, and focus on creating a specific session to discuss these issues with relevant stakeholders (participants in edX, Coursera, ARL fair use experts).
    - Collaboration among library teams
      1. Mary Lee will talk to Susan and Deborah and then Steve will reach out to them to discuss mechanics of how to collaborate/cooperate.
      2. Ann will contact Tom Leonard at Berkeley to invite their involvement.
    - New content (open access) for courses
      1. This area can be one of the key issues investigated by the collaborating library teams.
      2. Document current faculty use cases where OA content is being used to support teaching.
- Ways the Libraries can engage in MITx
  - Focus on faculty needs to get courses online (versus thinking about how to support the students taking the courses)
  - Understanding copyright concerns
  - Discussion: What else should we consider right now?
- Q&A and discussion