

DSpace Governance Working Group Status Report

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GROUP NAME	Governance Working Group
WIKI LINK	https://wiki.lyrasis.org/display/DSPACE/DSpace+Governance+Working+Group+(2020-21)
UPDATES (Accomplishments and announcements)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Drafted revised Memorandum of Understanding between LYRASIL and DSpace program</u> and presented to Steering for review. MOU draft was recommended to Leadership for a vote at the April 14 meeting.• <u>Review of Leadership representation based on membership categories</u> (Platinum, Gold, etc.) – no changes recommended to these categories.• <u>Recommended changes to wiki and website documentation</u> about Membership categories and Leadership representation, for purposes of harmonizing language across different web properties and clarification. (These changes have not yet been enacted.) They include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Addition of language about the LYRASIL seat on Leadership and Steering.○ Statement of intention to have diverse representation on Leadership.○ Addition of language about consortium membership as an option (general and not prescriptive).
CRITICAL ISSUES (Areas of discussion for Leadership, major obstacles, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Timing of Leadership Group member selection.</u> The membership year goes from July to June. In theory, the Governance year is the same, but in practice, we do not have Leadership in place until sometime in the fall. Furthermore, the at-large community Leaders are often not in place until much later. The Working Group recommends formalizing the decoupling of the Membership year and the Governance year, i.e. holding elections in fall (October) and having a start date for service on Leadership of November 1. This issue will be discussed by Steering at its April meeting.• <u>Ratio of members/seats for Gold membership category:</u> The default ration is 1 seat for every 2 Gold members. For the past two years, however, Leadership has opted to make this a 1:1 ratio, same as the Platinum category. Governance recommends making no change for the coming year, but it is an issue for Leadership to consider going forward.
NEXT STEPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalize timing of Leadership elections.• Develop orientation guidelines for new Leaders.• Next Leadership Meeting: Discuss selection of Leadership members-at-large.