**AISAC Meeting Minutes**

 LRC202.

04 December 2009.

 Present: Bruce Sarjeant, Neil Russell, Abhijit Jain, Jackie Bird, Yvonne Lee.

 Absent: Maya Sen, Darlene Walch, Mitsutoshi Oba, Bao Truong, Marsha Lucas.

The meeting was brought to order at 10:05am.

Main Agenda

1. Minutes of 6 Nov 09 were approved.
2. In the past institutions have simply gone in an implemented repositories without really polling faculty. So polling is a somewhat novel concept.
3. Whether repository will be accessible to the world, or just internally to NMU.
4. Darlene: institutional repository that will be strongest for us will be one that will store all the work that faculty produces. This is different than an archive which stores institutional records.
5. The repository would be Northern centered rather than discipline centered. Would it be affordable?
6. Darlene: there’s a benefit to the university to have it available at the university.
7. Took a look at CMU’s institutional repository CONDOR.
8. Neil: Keeping records for university senate business is also important. E.g. minutes of meetings.
9. Darlene: mulling the possibility of creating and hosting an institutional repository for hosting archives related to university faculty meetings etc.
10. Repository will increase visibility of NMU and scholarship at NMU.
11. The advantages of repositories should be mentioned in the email soliciting faculty opinions on whether to implement a repository.
12. Jackie: How do we explain the repository concept succinctly to faculty? – pick 2 or 3 that are really good examples and tell them to check them out.
13. How many of these 300 odd repositories are useful? How much level of confidence should we have about the research available on institutional repositories?
14. There will be a new course management by next winter regardless of whether we stay with proprietary or go for an open-source system.