

# Vireo Users Group 2011 Annual Meeting

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Welcome



**Users Group**

# Agenda

- Member Introductions and Updates
- TDL Updates
- Discussion and Next Steps
- TxETDA, USETDA, NDLTD

# Member Introductions

- Name
- Institution
- Role, esp. with respect to Vireo usage
- Institutional profile highlights:
  - TDL hosted, institution hosted (TDL or open source)
  - Number/types of records submitted
  - Innovative uses
  - Policy/Process/Status changes

# Mission

The Vireo Users Group (VUG) is designed to gather and prioritize constituent needs to guide TDL on the future development of the Vireo ETD Submission and Management System. Further, the VUG provides avenues for the exchange of information about Vireo development, needs and utilization.

# Organization

- Steering Committee
- TDL Representatives
- User Group Members
- Product Owner

# Steering Committee Updates

## Co-Chairs

- [Laura Hammons](#),  
Director, Thesis Office,  
Office of Graduate  
Studies, Texas A&M  
University
- [Stephanie Larrison](#),  
Electronic Resources  
Librarian, Texas State  
University

# Steering Committee Updates

## Steering Committee

- [Billie Peterson-Lugo](#), Director, Resources and Collection Management, Baylor University
- [Amy Rushing](#), Metadata Librarian, The University of Texas at Austin
- [Mark Zulauf](#), Thesis Coordinator, Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



# Member Updates

## **Recent Additions:**

- University of Saskatchewan, Alaska
- Texas A&M University, Kingsville

# Product Owner

- *Liaison between VUG and TDL development team*
- *Receives user stories, negotiates with TDL, accepts/rejects development products*
- *Assigned by TDL governing board*

# 2010-2011 Priority Voting

- 60+ enhancements were gathered from VUG members
- A vote on product enhancements was conducted in August 2010. (Who voted; number of ballots; number of votes)
- The steering committee tallied results and prioritized a list of top 20 enhancements, developing user stories for each
- Prioritized lists of feature enhancements was given to the TDL development team for use in determining the focus of future sprints.
- The list of enhancements and other documentation were organized and made available on the VUG website:  
[https://wikis.tdl.org/vireo/Main\\_Page](https://wikis.tdl.org/vireo/Main_Page)

# 2010-2011 Enhancements

- Sprint Focus: Reported Bugs
  - Failure when adding or saving filters
  - UMI Publication Release Default – Student Submission
  - Upgrading MarcXML
  - List View not sorting on UMI Indicator
- Product Owner: Ryan Steans
- Sprint Review: 9/24/2010

# 2010-2011 Enhancements

- Sprint Focus: Enhancement Selection, Embargo Customization
- Product Owner: Laura Hammons
- 2-week Sprint in late September 2010
- Sprint Process
  - Development of User Stories and Acceptance Criteria
  - Negotiation of story points
  - Development and feedback iterations
  - Sprint Review: 10/13/2011
- Deployment

# 2010-2011 Enhancements

## **Embargo Customization**

- Administrative users should be able to customize their own embargo types and assign descriptions to each type. Descriptions should display in prominent location in the faculty and student user interfaces. (Faculty frequently express confusion regarding what option student has chosen because it is not in close proximity to approval, especially when "none" is chosen, and what options mean.)

# 2010-2011 Enhancements

## Embargo Customization User Stories

- User story 1: As an administrative manager, I want to create and name my own embargo types so that I can make the system align with our institutional policies.
- User story 2: As a student, I want to see definitions (descriptions) of embargo types when I am prompted to make that choice, so that I understand what embargo means and what options are available to me.
- User story 3: As a committee chair, I want to have easy access to the descriptions of the embargo types my student has available to him/her and the one they have selected so that I have the same understanding of the embargo period as my student in order to approve or disapprove their embargo choice.
- User story 4 (newly created to enable the existing embargo types to operate in the new customizable environment): As a vireo admin, I want to modify all existing records to work with the new embargo type code.

# 2010-2011 Enhancements

## **Demonstration and Deployment**

- Adjusted faculty interface following demonstration
- November deployment for TDL-hosted sites



# Questions?

# Break

9:30-9:45 AM

# TDL Updates

# Break

10:30-10:45 AM

# Discussion and Next Steps

- Priority voting
- What are we missing?
- What can we do better?

# TxETDA, USETDA, NDLTD

- ETD Communities of Practice
- Filling the gaps: Where VUG ends, TxETDA, USETDA and NDLTD begin

# TxETDA

- Our mission is to provide a network of support for ETD professionals in the state of Texas, and to connect them with organizations and resources that enrich the work they do.
- <http://txetda.wordpress.com/>
- TxETDA 2012 Conference: February 23-24, UNT, Denton

# USETDA

- The mission of the USETDA is to support ETD professionals and ETD programs in the U.S. by enabling and encouraging the establishment of state-wide ETD associations, linking individuals and associations, developing and disseminating information of importance, increasing educational services to ETD programs, increasing ETD program productivity and cost savings, and supporting the expansion of the NDLTD and other international ETD initiatives.
- <http://www.usetda.org/>
- USETDA 2012 Conference: June 13-15, Boston, Massachusetts



# NDLTD

- An international organization dedicated to promoting the adoption, creation, use, dissemination, and preservation of electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs). We support electronic publishing and open access to scholarship in order to enhance the sharing of knowledge worldwide.
- <http://www.ndltd.org/>
- ETD 2012 Conference: September 12-14, Lima, Peru

# Concluding Comments

VUG Blog: <http://blogs.tdl.org/vireo/>

TDL: <http://tdl.org/etds/>