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9am EST/GMT-5 Attendees:

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3pm EST/GMT-5 Attendees:

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1) Create a social network searchable by area of interest or expertise   a. Discussed and agreed on tool requirements:
    -Free service and open to all who are interested
    -Low barrier for participation - either available on the DSpace Foundation website (i.e. Google Friend Connect) or select a tool that people already may be using, or select   a tool that allows the reuse of accounts - Google, Yahoo, AIM, etc.
    -Networking ability - option of access restriction and membership management/moderation to prevent spamming or other technical challenges
    -Regular networking features - groups, friends, tagging yourself, refined search, commenting, private messaging/email function
    -Collect user information, about interests, expertise, url for publications, other relevant info. - relate to instance database
    -Ease of use, intuitive (easier thanFacebook)

  b. Other nice to have features
    -Blog, RSS features
    -Ability to pull the information above into overviews, regional contacts overview
    -Ability to post documents, file sharing (e.g. presentation material from conferences)
    -Chat(?),
    -Document sharing/posting

  c. Discussed target audience - consensus that it should be open to anyone interested in participating, regardless of if they are DSpace users or RMs

  d. More detail at http://groups.google.com/group/dspace-global-outreach-committee/web/social-networking-tools---evaluation
Next Steps
-Evaluate the features and capabilities of Google Friend Connect on the dspace.org website - load a test version on the dspace.org development site **(CHRISTINA, ELIN, VAL, LAUREN)**
-Review the potential of how Google Friend Connect or Ning might be linked with the dynamic database -- what are the possibilities and limitations in how much/closely we can link individuals to the institutions in the database? **(MIKE, VAL)**

2) Dynamic Database of DSpace Instances

Create a dynamic database that can be queried and updated easily by the community

 Next Steps
-Finalize/refine survey questions **(VAL, MIKE, LEONIE)** (http://groups.google.com/group/dspace-global-outreach-committee/web/survey-to-gather-expanded-info-for-dspace-instance-list/)
-Create survey on surveymonkey.com **(VAL, MIKE)**
-Gather survey data **(LEONIE)**
-Fill in survey data with student project **(MIKE)**
-Decide where database will live – in the cloud (Amazon SimpleDB Cloud, Google Base Cloud, Seton Hall, MIT)
-Link social network tool with the dynamic database to interact/connect w/social network (create API?) so info can be updated easily by any individual
-Send annual notices to encourage institutions to update their info

3) List of projects/integrations/addons
(http://groups.google.com/group/dspace-global-outreach-committee/web/add-ons-project-list-review)
Moving forward with the work - but getting a quick list of the most popular add-ons together for the survey. Review of project wiki, conference presentations, etc. will be on-going with the end goal to produce a summary reference grid for all known add-ons (finalized projects only).
Next Steps
-Get a quick list of the most prevalent addons in support of the survey **(ALVIN, RONEE, VAL, MICHELE, BRAD)**
-Review the DSpace Project Wiki, researching and contacting individuals involved to complete the criteria for the grid **(ALVIN, RONEE)**
-Review recent conference presentations and innovation fairs for any viable projects **(VAL)**