VUG Steering Committee Meeting -- March 27, 2018

Present: Stephanie Larrison, Billie Peterson-Lugo, Chris Starcher, David Reynolds, and Kristi Park

* Send a thank you to beta testers?
Send “thank you” and update/next steps; reviewing the responses and entering tickets to make changes/corrections; should we address what everyone had a comment on, which was the submission date, which is by a specific day and not by the semester; originally had semester/year, but it wasn’t working and they switched it out; maybe a ticket that’s in process or may have to start over; regardless of how difficult it is, it needs to go back to the way Vireo 3 works -- semester and year;

Should we get the temperature of the beta testers; what do you think about Vireo 4 (once the date issue is addressed); is it something that you look forward to using; David thinks that Vireo 4 would work fine for their environment; he didn’t get to work with it as extensively as he would have liked; would really need to spend more time on it to give an informed opinion; new Vireo 4 will be on the new play framework, while Vireo 3 is on the old framework, and it’s questionable as to how long we can stay on the old framework; A&M test instance is still available if David wants to do some additional experimentation; realistically on Monday or Tuesday of next week;

Message -- thank you; semester date issue; focus group follow-up discussion; Stephanie sorting through all the information gathered through the beta testing period;

Send out some kind of a poll before we start any additional sprint development; wowed, underwhelmed, etc.; use our current list to ask; discuss it at the TCDL Users Group meeting; may not get much development done between now and TCDL; developers usually attend this meeting; would users hold back because the developers are there; James also very optimistic and could make “promises” that might not be kept; what is your overall impression of Vireo 4; if given a choice of using Vireo 3 and Vireo 4, which would you use; does Vireo 4 meet your expectations -- why/why not; think about overall functionality and not the granular pieces that don’t work, yet; can we do a one-on-one follow-up; **Action Item:** pair-up and have a conference call with beta testers; 1 of us and 2 institutions
* Post anything to Vireo listserv about beta testing completion, results, next steps?
* Currently over 80 responses to review on Google Sheets, but SL will add much more from TAMU and SHSU, then organize.
No issues as big as the graduation date, but plenty of things that need to be prioritized and fixed; some have were fixed by William during the testing; Stephanie can sort through and organize these issues;
* There are many questions in responses that may need replies.
* There is more advanced testing that needs to be done. Not only from the checklist for Advanced Administrative functions, but others I haven’t gotten to such as sync and override functions, and email addresses attached to organizations.
* Bibliolabs update (if any)
Partnership is in jeopardy; e-mail from Mitchell saying that they will have to “pass” on this; waiting to hear whether it’s a pass on the TDL partnership or Vireo 4, altogether; working with Mitchell to figure out how TDL and Bibliolabs could work together; wanted TDL to fund $125,000 a developer and business activities at Bibliolab; some wisdom in doing it, in spite of qualms; however the TDL Board not in agreement; a couple of Board members bet with Mitchell at Midwinter and came back less enamored of the proposal; contract with Bibliolab to complete development of Vireo 4; Kristi thought they had some agreement on this, but the e-mail from a couple of days ago leads her to believe they are not interested; Kristi doesn’t see it to be feasible to off-load Vireo development to Bibliolabs under these circumstances; why is Bibliolabs pulling out; is it the technical aspects associated with the code or purely a business decision; Kristi hasn’t gotten the sense that it’s related to the code; the reasoning from Mitchell is all from the business perspective; where do we go with completing the development of Vireo 4; the more Kristi talked to them, the more it became clear that their agenda may not be beneficial for TDL and/or Vireo; still need to have meeting with A&M personnel and Nick to see how to move forward; Nick is becoming more familiar with Vireo 4 so that he can help with the next sprint; the custom framework makes the ramp-up more difficult, but he’s making progress;
* TCDL/USETDA Conference Meetings

**Beta Testers to thank**

Joseph Pruett (ASU) -

Kara Long (Baylor)

Karen Savage (Baylor) Signed in but no activity logged. May have looked at code.

Susan Elkins (SHSU)

Seth Robbins (Illinois) -

Drew Heles (JHU)

Cindy Goode (SHSU) – the only person who followed all directions!)

Susan Peterson (SHSU)

Taylor Davis-Van Atta (UH- Central)

Emily Wuchner (Illinois)

Renee Babcock (UT)

David Conrad (UT)

Holly Bhasin (UT)

Michan Chowritmootoo (TWU)

Jennifer Rosenberg (TAMU)

Monika Mavenkamp (Princeton)

Lynn Durgin (Princeton)

**Follow-Up Phone Calls**

Joseph Pruett (ASU) - Chris

Susan Elkins (SHSU) - Stephanie

Susan Peterson (SHSU) - Stephanie

Seth Robbins (Illinois) - Chris

Emily Wuchner (Illinois) - Chris

Cindy Goode (SHSU – the only person who followed all directions!)

Taylor Davis-Van Atta (UH- Central) - Stephanie

Renee Babcock (UT) - David

David Conrad (UT)

Holly Bhasin (UT)

Michan Chowritmootoo (TWU) - David

Jennifer Rosenberg (TAMU) - Billie

Monika Mavenkamp (Princeton) - Billie

Lynn Durgin (Princeton) - Billie

David and Billie will follow up with testers at their respective institutions.

**Action Item:** Billie has email addresses for all participants and will share with the group. **Done**

**Action Item:** Stephanie will draft a script for the phone calls today. **Done**

**Action Item:** Everybody will review, edit, comment on the script. Finalize by Friday, March 30.

**Action Item:** Billie will draft thank you note to the beta testers and an update to the Vireo and Texas ETD listservs. **Done**

Hold on meeting with developers until after we’ve gotten feedback from phone calls.

Hold on VUG Meeting planning until next SC call.

Scheduling note: Billie out of pocket April 29-May 13 (back in the office May 14). Hold next SC meeting the week of April 23.