Project Endings Meeting Notes

25 April 2017

Present: Arneil, Carlin, Czaykowska, Grove-White, Durno, Holmes, Kell, Newton, Polack, Takeda

**RA Funding, summer 2017**

Elizabeth made a successful application to the Canada Summer Jobs program that will top up by $5+ the hourly wage of two undergrad RAs, Jen (communication strategy) and Ethan (Moses), for 315 hours before the end of August. Approximately $3,300 for each of them will come out of the Endings budget (which includes the 4% in vacation pay to be added by Payroll).

Sarah will also be hired for 160 hours, which will cost around $3,800 (includes benefits). She has finished the base editing on Moses, and will move on to enhance documentation and perform more (probably publishable) research for the project.

Project Endings will also fund registrations in the DHSI course on XLST for Sarah and Ethan. They have been granted scholarships: $300 for Sarah and $150 for Ethan.

Janelle has requested summer RA funding for MoEML, and it was agreed that MoEML should benefit from funding equivalent to the funding provided for Moses (around $7,000), but exact figures remain to be determined.

Joey is available this summer and able to continue his work with Martin. We will hire him at the grad student rate, as with Sarah. The number of hours remain to be determined; perhaps he will also be one of the RAs working for MoEML.

**Survey of SSHRC-funded DH projects**

Elizabeth is keen to pursue the survey of P.I.s as planned in our grant application. We can work from the “Digital Archiving in Ireland” survey that Susan Schreibman shared with Elizabeth, who sent it to us once again yesterday. She would like us to focus on the survey as the primary topic of discussion for our next brown bag lunch on May 30 in order to draft the questionnaire. Once we have the definitive questions lined up, ethics approval will be sought. A fall launch of the survey seems plausible, with analysis and write-up in spring 2018.

**Communication strategy**

Jen will continue over the summer to add content to the WP site and to enhance the social media presence of Project Endings. She shared some ideas that can be put into circulation if team members can furnish content, such as “pithy one-liners” for Twitter, thematic discussions, important dates. She will be gaining experience this summer with coding, editing and podcasting thanks to her co-op term with Animikii, the Indigenous tech company.

Elizabeth mentioned other possible additions to our site, Facebook page, etc. such as an annotated bibliography, and reviews of books and articles about digital preservation. She pointed out that stockpiling content would allow us to have a steady stream of material to disseminate as when we’re ready to be more visible. Elizabeth also reminded us that we have at least four audiences for Endings material: experienced DHers, beginning DHers, journalists, and policy makers.

## “We” agreed to use Twitter at the SHARP conference, and to try to do so systematically at other conferences: the handle is [@EndingsProject](https://twitter.com/EndingsProject), and our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/EndingsProject/>

## Progress on case studies

Martin reported that all the aps are running, and ScanCan (now live at scancan.net) has now been published, making it the first completed Endings-style application/edition.Work by Martin and Joey on diagnostics will continue to help us get ready to make the **other** sites public.

## Next meeting

## Tuesday 30 May, noon, HCMC