IGeLU Leganto WG Student Success Measures Focus Group Final Report
February 2022

Background Information

Based on community interest in Learning Analytics, Ex Libris requested the Student Success Measures Focus Group be formed in August 2020.

Original Scope from Ex Libris

We would like to assemble a focus group dedicated to exporting distinctive engagement data to third-party institutional systems, e.g., learning analytics platforms. This focus group will enable you to learn best practices from colleagues and to influence the Leganto developments related to this topic. The first meeting of the focus group will be in September 2020, and we plan to complete the project in Q1 2021.

As a focus group member, we expect you to take part in monthly meetings during the project, and export the Leganto distinctive student engagement data to an institutional system in Q4 2020 or Q1 2021.

Terms of Reference

- Dedicated to exporting distinctive engagement data to third-party institutional systems, e.g., learning analytics platforms. This focus group will enable its participants to learn best practices from colleagues and to influence the Leganto developments related to this topic.
- Members sign an agreement with Ex Libris that gives members access to non-anonymised personally identifying information that can be exported from Leganto Analytics for use in institutional systems e.g. data warehouse. See documentation Viewing Student Usage Per Citation (List Analysis Student Usage)
- Monthly meetings and communication via Ex Libris Basecamp

Intended Outputs

Create a series of recommendations dealing with how student usage data can be used with other systems, e.g. LMS, to determine usage and engagement. Each participant institution will export their Leganto distinctive student engagement data to an institutional system in H1 2021.

Group Membership

Facilitator: Ex Libris, Dolav Ben-Artzi (Tamar Sadeh and Barak Hect while Dolav is on leave).

Institutions: Curtin University, University of Adelaide, Western Sydney University (withdrew Oct 2020),
Central Queensland University (joined Feb 2021).

IGeLU Leganto PWG: Sue Harmer (Kendall Kousek once Sue retired).

Outcomes

The final meeting was held in November 2021.

Two institutions successfully exported their data.

- Curtin University: Alma/Leganto analytics providing a good fit for their need within the library. The Learning & Teaching group is responsible for the Student Success Prediction project but due to competing priorities haven’t been able to make significant progress.
- University of Adelaide: Have built a data platform on top of Canvas. Canvas, Leganto and other data sources are merged and data is provided to students, learning designers, etc. It is a basic integration, with data stored in one place which is preferred by the institution. No clear picture on uptake yet as only released in September. Likely to get feedback next year on impact. Might run a student survey in 2022.
- Central Queensland University: exported file from Leganto to FTP server. No further action taken. Contractor required to convert file into format institution can use (xAPI JSON?). Cuts in funds due to COVID means lack of progress on projects.
- Ex Libris: Original purpose of group has been met. Most aims were achieved. No further meetings are required (confirmed by attendees). BaseCamp to remain for questions. Ex Libris can assist with further data export if required. Wish to share customer stories with the Leganto user community. Will reach out to group members for interviews and case studies.

Recommendations

If institutions are interested in exporting this data to external systems, strong buy-in from institution partners outside the library is required for success.