Report on Knowledge Media Design Collaborative Program (KMD-CP)

Courses
During the 2011W (Spring 2011) term KMD-CP offered two courses:

- **KMD 1002** (Knowledge Media Design: Contexts and Practice, Tuesdays 6-8 pm) taught by Karen Smith with Prof. John Danahy being the instructor-of-record.

- **KMD 2001H / INF 2169H** (Human-centred Design, Mondays 10-12 am) taught by Andrew Clement. Prof. Clement lectured remotely via video conference.

KMD Socials
KMD CP helped organize and support a number of co-curricular activities including opportunities for students to discuss their work in formal sessions (e.g. poster presentations) and in less formal environments (e.g. pub nights).

Director Search
The CP program was involved this term in a search for a Director this term. In February the committee recommended that Joseph Ferenbok be appointed the KMD CP director for a one year term at a 20% appointment.

Promotions and Planning
During the latter part of the term the CP began work on promotional materials including: posters, banners, business cards, QR cards and digital displays. The plan is to rebrand the KMD CP this coming year with a strong new visual identity as well as establish a clear student identity within the broader Institute.

Outreach
This term KMD CP has also began an active campaign of reconnecting with our home units. The Program Director and Administrator visited chairs and administrators from the home units during the latter part of the term.

Program Committee
Each Collaborative Program just has a Program Committee. The KMD CP Program Committee had lapsed and a significant amount of time has been spent during the latter part of the term reconstituting the Program Committee with approved representation from each of the collaborating units. The Program Committee is scheduled to meet in late June or early July to discuss minor changes to the existing program and strategic visions for the future.

Student Round-Table
KMD CP also held a student round-table this term to discuss the student experience. Overwhelmingly the students have asked for improved forms of communication between students and faculty and outreach opportunities to the broader community.
Report on Research & Business Development

- The Institute will continue to record and archive the Department of Computer Science (DCS) Distinguished Lecture Series 2010-2011. There are two lectures remaining:
  - Social Networks Offline (Prof. Nicholas A. Christakis of Harvard University), Tuesday, January 18, 2011.
  - Computational Models of Common-Sense Theories (Prof Josh Tenenbaum of MIT), Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

The lecture series will be part of our online lectures available on the KMDI website.

- KMDI’s Executive Director Adriana Ieraci, KMDI researchers: John Danahy, Nick Woolridge, Matt Ratto, Gerald Penn, Costas Plataniotis, and KMDI student Siavash Kazemian are in discussions with a number of companies pursuing opportunities for research collaboration.

- DDIMIT: The consortium is actively looking for faculty members within the KMDI, iSchool, and the greater University of Toronto community to collaborate on projects with the vibrant partner network that has developed. To date 15 small firms in the interactive digital media space have signed on to the DDIMIT consortium and have committed hours and expertise to the program.

- Collaboration with Kitchen Budapest. DDIMIT is collaborating with Kitchen Budapest (http://www.kitchenbudapest.hu/) on a project that will build and analyze an archive of narratives from participants and members at various media labs around the world. This project is a result of the ongoing collaboration and relationship building of Nina Czegledy, KMDI Senior Fellow, and her efforts in raising the profile of KMDI and DDIMIT in the international media lab community.

- Nick Woolridge and Nina Czegledy are collaborating with DDIMIT to develop an exhibition and workshop based on the recent work done with Grant’s Atlas drawings. The theme currently proposed is prosthetics.

- Nina Czegledy's continued promotional efforts, collaboration with Subtle Technologies (http://www.subtletechnologies.com), for a yearly conference on the intersection of art and science is underway. The current proposed focus is a 3D workshop on network exploration.

- SSHRC Partnerships grant proposal: KMDI member Matt Ratto and Marie Eve Belanger, coordinator for DDIMIT submitted a proposal to the SSHRC Partnerships Development Program. KMDI business development initiatives resulted in the participation of Huge Monster Inc., and Play Dynamics Inc. in the...
proposal. The proposal is meant as a seed initiative for a much larger multi-year application to the SSHRC Partnership program on 2012.

Other

KMDI Affiliated Researchers – Class of 2011

1. Nina Czegledy  (re-appointment)

2. Dr. Paul Salvini, Chief Technical Officer, SideEffects Software Inc.,
   http://www.sidefx.com/

3. Prof. Abby Goodrum, Velma Rogers Graham Research Chair & Associate Professor, School of Journalism, Ryerson University,
   http://www.ryerson.ca/journalism/facultydirectory/faculty/goodrum.html


Personnel

Additions:
• Ana Popa, Assistant Collaborative Program Coordinator (A-CPC)

Departures:
• Dr. Barbara Soren, Collaborative Program Coordinator
• Tessa Liem, Administrative Assistant
• Kevin Tonon, Technical Assistant

New Location:

New College, 45 Willcocks St., 3rd floor