Draft Metadata Milestones

- Promote OLAC Metadata more widely in the LR community
- Get community feedback on controlled vocabularies
- Stable infrastructure for the representation of metadata for LRs
- Establish consensus on a set of core metadata descriptors for basic identification and management of LRs
- Implement a wider DCR which integrates most descriptors
- Expand previous DCR to be a repository of linguistic knowledge world wide
Some contributions from OLAC

- User driven controlled vocabulary development
- Lightweight, flexible approach to implementation
- Services which provide incentives for metadata creation – intuitive and familiar search interfaces
- Objective evaluations of metadata quality – community grounded evaluation as a motivator for metadata enrichment
Desiderata #1

- Transition to integrated digital libraries of available LRs
  - Move beyond simple web based catalogues to rich discoverable resources

- Automated creation of basic metadata
  - Quality assurance will still require human input

- Incentives to provide rich metadata
  - High ROI for metadata creation - what is the “killer app” for rich metadata in the LR community?
  - http://www.ldc.upenn.edu/olac/search.php
Desiderata #2

- Objective evaluation methodology for metadata quality assessment
  - Evaluation as a key to improving the quality of metadata
- Greater interoperability between communities and tools
  - Philosophical differences can be reduced in significance by technical solutions to interoperability and exchange
- Stable base standards as a foundation
  - Is the drive towards international standards a means or an end?