Advisory Group for Research Services and Scholarly Resources
(AGRSSR)
Minutes
February 11, 2009
Library West Conference Room, 429

Members Present: Joe Aufmuth, Denise Bennett, Steve Carrico, Robena Cornwell, Michele Crump, Sam Huang, John Ingram (Chair), Ann Lindell, Peter McKay, Angela Mott, Marilyn Ochoa, Cathy Martyniak for Bobbie Parker, Patrick Reakes, Dan Reboussin, Betsy Simpson, and Carl Van Ness

Members Absent: Beth Layton, Christopher Vallandingham and Ben Walker

Guest: Bess de Farber

I   Approval of January 2009 Minutes

Minutes were approved & can be posted online.

II   Budget/Materials Budget Reduction - John

John asked if there were any additions to the agenda? Steve asked about the printing budget & John suggested that we bring this to Bill's attention.

At our last meeting, we asked selectors to identify the reductions we knew would happen due to inflation and for the 10% reduction. These figures need to be turned in by **February 25, 2009**, keeping these points in mind:

- impact of 5% inflation reduction
- identify 10% on top of that for materials budget
- planning on not including the $500,000 TIPS money

Judy and Wallace are working with the Provost to have the Division of Sponsored Research pay the $1.9 million Elsevier contract next year. We do need to look at the journals we have with Elsevier and cut those titles down to reduce the current costs. The selectors should be looking at the titles and letting John know which had no or little use. It is noted that we should also look at the titles we are currently purchasing through Springer & Wiley. John is going to send everyone the Springer & Elsevier title lists and Steve is going to send Lela the Wiley list.

Some concerns were discussed regarding collaborative purchases. FCLA funded databases will be funded for this coming year. Michele updated that the Electronic Resources Sub-Committee of CSUL will rate the FCLA databases and work on putting them on the list of possible cancelation next year.

It was decided after a discussion on how the information should be submitted that a spreadsheet needs to be sent to Jack & John, and John updated that it would be useful to organize the spreadsheet by publisher and set in priority.

John followed up with letting everyone know that he looked forward to seeing everyone's budgets in his inbox by February 25th.

III   Report on grants at the libraries - Bess

Bess reported that every two weeks she sends out a funding alert via email to everyone at the Library. She reminded everyone that she is teaching a workshop on February 25th for Grants Research which is currently full but sessions are being added. Bess updated the group on what she's been working on: dLOC Grant, Baldwin Collection, Let's Talk About it (ALA Grant), and Everglades Collections which was just funded by NHPRC and getting started this month.

Comments: Joe expressed his appreciation to Bess & Kelley for all their help & hard work! Bess's idea for developing a technical consult is a great one. The committee does a great job reviewing the grant proposals & applications.

In closing, Bess said we should encourage other librarians to apply for grants and that we can help them but they have to be the applicants, but that the deadline is coming near, which is March 15, 2009.

IV   Access Services - Angela

a. E-Journal search vs. print journal search

There have been some issues with ILL. When patrons search for e-journals, the response indicates that we don't have the journal & they put in an ILL request but we do have it but just in print. About 1/3 of these requests are canceled due to this. A suggestion was made that perhaps some text can be put when they don't find it online there is a window pop up asking them to search for printed journals. Michele added that this is something they are working on.

b. How often Mango is updated?

Betsy noted that the last update was in October. FCLA collects the data as of 5pm each day and it takes 35 hours for it to show up in ENDECA. They are working on making this faster, but as of December it was still being worked on.

Question: In NetLibrary a patron was looking for a work book in the business school & it was checked out & they seemed to think it was checked out for more than two days, but the policy said it could only be for four hours. John updated that there should be a protocol and it is automatically checked in after that time has lapsed.

V   Digitization Projects Update

John updated that this project was being put on hold due to budgeting issues.

VI   General Discussion

Additional questions?

None noted.

Additional topics?

- Placement of A&I; Abstracting and Indexing is this something we use?
- John's going to ask Laurie Taylor to be a member of AGRSSR since we're looking more and more into digitization.
- Steve's idea of budget centers to replace subject circles.