Advisory Group for Research Services and Scholarly Resources (AGRSSR)
Minutes
April 8, 2009
Library West Conference Room, 429

Members Present: Joe Aufmuth, Denise Bennett, Chris Polhlmann for Steve Carrico, Robena Cornwell, Michele Crump, Bess de Farber, Sam Huang, John Ingram, Beth Layton, Ann Lindell, Angela Mott, Cathy Martyniak for Bobby Parker, Patrick Reakes, Dan Reboussin, Doug Smith for Betsy Simpson, Laurie Taylor, Christopher Vallandingham and Ben Walker

Members Absent: Peter McKay, Carl Van Ness, Marilyn Ochoa

I Approval of March 2009 Minutes

Minutes were approved & can be posted online.

II Development Update – S. Huang

Last month, the library development office raised $54,805. Foundation and Sam have been working hard on a grant proposal and the library is targeted to get $500,000 for students with special needs.

No questions were noted.

III Budget

John updated the group that not much has changed since the Town Hall Meeting on March 23, 2009. There is a formal cover letter and a slightly revised version of the budget, which does not include any changes in the identified reductions. Judy sent this to the Provost on April 1st and she will post to the budget blog no later then 5pm on Friday. Again, we won't know anything until April 16th.

In response to requests from Tara we will be putting up the aggregated list of all the identified reductions for the materials budget by the end of the day. Please remember this is still a very tentative document. We don’t have to make decisions on the paper materials until July or August and again, nothing will be canceled until the selector advises us to.

John will have this put on the budget blog for review.
IV  Open Access: Current state of UF – Group Discussion

John will send out a couple of messages that specifically relate to the status of open access and scholar communicators as additional background. This will be an on-going discussion. There doesn’t seem to be a lot of OA support from academics.

V  Request Links for “In Cataloging” Items – D. Smith

Doug updated the group about ENDECA issues with the request link and holding items for faculty staff & students. The request link only places a book on hold, not a rush request like patrons seem to think. There is no way for us to be able to tell if this item is truly a rush request; we can only see it as being on hold. John asked that Doug summarize the issues with ENDECA and email it to him for review and he’ll send it out to the other AGRSSR members. It was noted that this has already been done generally announcing the problem from Betsy. FCLA said it was possible to change when the request link was hit, it could also ask if you want the item immediately or when it “hits the shelves”. Betsy is waiting for some feedback before FCLA can complete this particular change.

A question was asked if it possible for a report to be generated every night so staff can see what’s been requested? Doug said that it would probably need to come from the circulation module. Michele said that Jason may be able to come up with something like this if it’s needed and a Grover ticket could be done to complete that. It was also suggested that perhaps we could have a “Notify me” button, which most everyone agreed would confuse patrons further.

The result, Doug will talk to Jason to figure out how we can fix this issue & report back to AGRSSR.

VI  “Greening the Libraries Computer Monitors” – R. Cornwell

Monitors will go to sleep after 10 minutes of inactivity. You can activate your monitor by moving your mouse or clicking any key on the keyboard. This will go into effect on April 20, 2009. Angela asked Robena to check on Library West’s circulation external monitors because they are set up to display power point presentations and messages during library hours. Everyone should email Robena to let her know if there are monitors in their area that shouldn't be involved in this push via IT.
VII Grants Update – B. de Farber

Bess passed out three documents for review and spoke about them briefly.

1. Active Grants
2. Grants Activities
3. Model Libraries Grant Programs

Joe stated many thanks to Bess for her hard work on grants.

VIII Circulation of Serials from Shared Storage Facilities – B. Walker

Ben is asking AGRSSR for some input regarding circulation serials in the storage facilities. He met with CSUL in December; the task force is recommending one thing and the collection planning committee doesn’t agree with those recommendations. The task force is recommending only keeping one copy of each print journal and those items would be circulated as needed, with the idea that those items would also be digitized and could be sent electronically. CPC mainly has objections due to loss. Ben doesn’t think the incidence of this will be very high, especially with an item that isn’t used very frequently. We could put restrictions for in house use only. Another option was to retain two copies in print and one which is available electronically. We don’t really have the space to keep two copies, so Ben doesn’t see this as a viable option.

What is every ones perspective? The items that are already in ALF will most likely go into the new shared facility and form the base copy for that collection.

Angela brings up a few points from her area:

- One of the reasons patron loss was a concern isn’t really due to patron loss but loss through DLLI, the currier service. Her area wasn’t able to give her a number of how many books they have had lost so far, though they don’t use DLLI anymore due to loss & are now using UPS due to having tracking.

- Keep one copy if CRL has a complete set. If CRL doesn’t have a complete set maybe we could consider giving them the second set as an option.

- Document delivery service is the best, though they were hesitant to agree to that due to things possibly ending up in ILL.

They are not sure if there are going to continue to use DLLI or if they’ll be using a third party business for shipping and transport of these items. It was decided that all the group would fill out the survey that was went to them & send it back to Ben by next week.
IX  Organizing e-Resources using Serials Solutions – C. Poehlmann

Chris updated the group regarding the task force that was deciding how to use serial solutions to its best advantage.

Report Capabilities

ey are in the process of getting the cost data per journal into a report. Working on getting an itemized list of items per journal in packaged deals like Springer. They’ve already created an account for each selector in SS. They are also uploading license agreements, so we can easily see if canceling the print will affect online access to it.

Q: Training? A: It was agreed that once the data is in there, they’ll do some information sessions for the selectors.

A final update: they are working on improving the 360 link and at the next electronic working group they’ll be looking at that and how to make it more straight forward and useful.

X  CRL/ILL Update – A. Mott

With the addition to the CRL holdings with the links they have had a few come through via patrons and everything has been going fine. Michele is working on creating a CRL lib guide though she isn’t sure what is in it yet.

Is there any way we can extract that CRL holding data and put it in a UF holding statement to make it easier for the UF Staff and Students to obtain. Michele said that is a Jason question.

In closing, John asks that anyone who has an agenda topic for the next meeting to email them to Lela.