Advisory Group for Research Services and Scholarly Resources (AGRSSR)
Minutes
June 10, 2009
Library West Conference Room, 429

Members Present: Joe Aufmuth, Denise Bennett, Steve Carrico, Robena Cornwell, Michele Crump, John Ingram, Ann Lindell, Peter McKay, Angela Mott, Marilyn Ochoa, Cathy Martyniak for Bobby Parker, Patrick Reakes, Dan Reboussin, Laurie Taylor, Rachel Schipper, Betsy Simpson, Christopher Vallandingham, Carl Van Ness, Ben Walker & Sam Huang as brief Guest Speaker

Members Absent: Cecilia Botero, Bess de Farber

I Approval of May 2009 Minutes

Minutes were approved & can be posted online.

II Budget

If you’ve been reading the budget blog, you already know where we stand with our upcoming budget this year. John also reported that DSR is assigning the library a $300,000 one time increase in DSR funds. This money will not be used for reoccuring expenses but may be used to offset part of the Elsiver costs. John has no further update on the stimulus identifications, but he’ll share information as it becomes available to him. The impact of inflation has been identified by Jack Waters at about 6.8% from 5%.

John updated the group that we’ll still be getting the $500,000 reoccurring TIPS money which will be used to cover recurring and some non-occurring costs; hopefully the stimulus money will be helpful with one-time purchases. He also assured the group that Admin won’t be making any purchases until they hear from the selectors.

Q: Is there a deadline when a list should be turned in?
A: End of July.

Robena asked if this information could be pulled for them & Steve said that it could be and also asked if they’d like him to report with the 6.8% in a dollar amount for their area? The group agreed that it would be very helpful.

Ann asked if she could find out what the implications of monograph cuts for their specific area? John said that Jack has that data available & Steve agreed.

Through further discussion about the potential cuts, it was determined that Steve should send out the interdisciplinary list should be sent out first.
John said that we still have time to look at our interdisciplinary packages to make a decision on packages we’d like to cut completely for UF and to think about if they are just UF packages or consortial packages as part of CSUL. Tomorrow & Friday CSUL will be meeting and we’ll know more about how we should be looking at our budgets after those meetings.

**Sam Huang’s Endowment Reports as of May 1st**

Sam reported that since May 1st to present time we’ve received 117 individual donations from 97 individual donors. The total amount given is $82,416.26. Alicia received a pledge for a total of $30,000 for the next five years, and we’ve already received $3,000 of that.

**III Revising the materials budget architecture to align with the new library organization/Steve Carrico**

Since the last time this document has been sent out Steve has had one revision. He said the revision is that Documents has been added as a budget center on the materials budget document. Per John’s suggestion, Steve has also entered explanations why we created new budget centers. He also hopes we can get this approved so it can be implemented starting July 1st.

*Questions?*

Patrick asked about the general e-resources budgets mentioned in the document, and Steve answered that several Budget Centers have smaller, separate e-resources budgets. For example, Library West receives several e-resources packages that support the humanities and social sciences. Patrick asked how Steve would deal with budgets such as education & journalism which were under social sciences and Steve said he would do his best to assign budgets to the Budget Center they belong to – in this case the Departmental Libraries center - and could always add a general e-resources budget to a Budget Center that does not currently have one as needed.

Robena asked if the lost book fund was in the multi-disciplinary budget area & Steven said no that it’s in a separate budget.

John will take this document to the branch chairs again for review and if there are no more updates it will be presented to LC for final approval. The group voted unanimously to approve the materials budget document.

**IV eBooks & eBooks Approval**

John said we looking with Springer on a pilot project to take better advantage of 2008 the Springer ebooks package that we purchased. Victor Lao sent updated stats and we have some of the best stats for usage of the ebooks and John will share this information once he's received it.
What we’ll be looking at?

- how they use publicity materials to get users more comfortable with ebooks
- chat with them about whether they would front some funding for other ebook initiatives.

We also have the pilot Myibrary with the HSCL. Michele asked if they were using readers for the pilot & John said no that it was only a purchase pilot. One of the takeaways is we hope to find out the next time we do our user survey is that they are actually using Kindles & iPhones to read academic material. Steve asked if the Kindles would be available for people to check out and John said they are working on making them available for check out for up to seven days. Dan asked if users would download what they wanted & Michele said that we’ll do all the downloading to the readers.

V Digitization Efforts

We are going to meet on July 8, 2009 at the next AGRSSR meeting to discuss digitization efforts. John asked that all digitization projects be resent to John. Cathy updated the group about Internet Archives, which will be discussed more at the next meeting. The group discussed the quality of work that Google has provided for them & how Internet Archives does a much better job.

VI Update on Campus Delivery Pilot/Angela Mott

Angela passed out a Campus Delivery contact sheet showing who the primary & secondary employees are. Angela said that it isn’t working 100%, but it is working.

Outstanding Issues:

- Getting call slips to print, but we think it’s now resolved.
- Getting call slips to print & making sure the patron are not getting emails, we also think this one is resolved.
- Storage items being requested are accidently being put on hold at West. We are going to modify the call slip, moving and placing in bold where the items should be pulled.
- Outstanding hold tickets that have not been taken care of. A list will be printed weekly for review.
- Hold letter for email. We’d like our patrons to get an email saying where their item is. We got this to work in test.

Robena asked if this will include items that don’t have a request link? Angela wasn’t sure but she’ll ask about it.

- Adjusting the Hold Shelf Reports for all branches.
Angela wants everyone to know that it is working, it’s not perfect & their goal is to have a three day turn around.

VI Other Matters?

Robena asked if any documents are being handed out do they have a date printed on the bottom? It was thought that it was a good idea to do so.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07am