Advisory Group for Research Services and Scholarly Resources (AGRSSR) Minutes April 14, 2010 Library West, 429

Present: Joe Aufmuth, Denise Bennett, Michele Tenet for Cecilia Botero, Steve Carrico, Tom Caswell, Robena Cornwell, Michele Crump, John Ingram, Ann Lindell, Peter McKay, Angela Mott, Cathy Martyniak, John Nemmers, Marilyn Ochoa, Bobby Parker, Chris Poehlmann, Patrick Reakes, Dan Reboussin, Rachel Schipper, Colleen Seale, Isabel Silver, Betsy Simpson, Laurie Taylor, Christopher Vallandingham, Carl Van Ness

Not present: Judy Russell, Ben Walker

I Minutes Approval

March minutes have been approved & can be posted.

Additional Agenda Topics: None Noted.

II Statewide Task Force Update/Approval Plan – Peter McKay & Steve Carrico

Everyone should already know that YBP has purchased Blackwell’s North American Operations and if we do not change our subscription with them we will automatically be going back to YBP. There is a Statewide Task Force set up where Peter is the UF representative looking at pooling all the buying power of the Universities (Private, Community, & State). Steve and Peter meet with the two publishers that fit our needs. YBP is offering us a discount on US titles only and for hard cover only, not e-books. We became dissatisfied with YBP customer and technical support when they were our primary book vendor, but YPB has promised that our current Blackwell customer service rep, John Laraway, would be kept on to serve UF if we migrate to YBP. Despite this promise of offering us co-reps, one of our concerns with selecting YBP is their ability to provide UF with adequate and ongoing customer support. Coutts offered an across the board discount including e-books. Extra efforts are being made by Coutts, as they want our business. Coutts has updated their database to Oasis and it’s much faster than YBP. If we went to Coutts, it would be a little more work for us as we’d have to set up our own profiles. But they have a great profiler and they are confident that they can get this done quickly.

Q: When is the decision going to be made? Peter said that he’s thinking end of April, early May. It’s also noted that if we go against the Statewide Task Force’s recommendation, there isn’t much of a drawback.

John said that going with a vendor that will allow us to select a much large universe of titles that could go to the shared depository seems the way to go on the other hand, having
Coutts’s proposal is attractive due to the e-books. Our history with Yankee has been positive; and only recently unpleasant due to the representative.

III   Electronic Resources Management Working Group Update – Chris Poehlmann

Serials Solution A-Z list is good since it picks up everything, but that is also a down side as it picks up all the Society Publications and such. The concern before rolling out the A-Z list is that if the Society links are in there it will be confusing as we don’t subscribe to everything in the society. What we’d like to do is take out everything on the list that isn’t a database. We’d still have access to everything in the catalog, but removing the items we don’t have 100% will de-clutter the list. The group reviewed the list and everyone agreed that we could remove these Society Publications on the A-Z list and no objections were noted.

IV   Grant Proposal for digitization of materials from St. Augustine to the digitization priorities – John Nemmers & Tom Caswell

John passed out a proposal that he drafted and needs approval on so that they can add this particular project into the list that DLC has for digitization projects. The group voted unanimous in favor of the project moving forward.

V   Springer E-Books Update – John Ingram

Chris updated the group that the five years of e-books that have been purchased have all been tagged in Serial Solutions and they’ll be loaded into the catalog in the next few weeks. It was asked when we’d know if we’d be purchasing the 2010 e-books package. John answered that he’s not sure when the package would be complete, currently it had only about 40% of the titles added out of about 3500 books. He currently has a spreadsheet with those titles on it and he’ll forward it to the selectors to review. He’ll also contact Victor Lao to see if he can get a better estimate on the cost and when the titles will be complete.

VI   Modification to the Library Catalog’s Basic Search Screen – Colleen Seale

Links have been sent out to the group by Marilyn with the modifications they’d like to add links to the basic catalog screen. The links they are requesting being added would be links to search for DVD/Videos, Theses & Dissertations, New Titles & how to set an RSS Feed, Search Tools plus a few more.

Objections/Questions to modifications:

- Do we know how much use the pages are getting now? Are users using it? Colleen wasn’t sure how much use the page was getting, though adding them wouldn’t hurt & could be useful. This would make the page a more useful page.

The group voted that the links could be added.

VII   Committee Membership; Terms of Service – John Ingram
It was decided that a term of two years was to be served on the AGRSSR Committee. Each AGRSSR current member is to email Lela with a replacement name or let her know they will continue on for another year due to low staffing. Half of the staff would rotate off next year and the other half would stay on for another year.

VIII Wrap up/Agenda Topics for Next Meeting – Meeting has been changed to May 14, 2010

- Budget
- RCM Update
- Springer Packages Update
- YBP Update
- Grants Management Committee Reorganization Update
- Affiliated Library Task Force Update (Vernon) – Denise is going to ask him about this.