

SUL Collections Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2006

The in-person meeting was held at FCLA in Gainesville.

Attending: John Ingram, Chair; Rita Pellen (FAU), Jeannette Ward (UCF), Suzanne Nagy and Carolyn Klatt (FSU Medical), Roy Ziegler (FSU), Becky Donlan (FGCU), Sarah Philips (UNF), Larry Heilos (USF), Helen Wigersma (UWF), Tony Schwartz (FIU), Brenda Wright (FAMU).

The minutes of the March 14 conference call were approved.

Members reported on various collection initiatives and concerns at their respective institutions.

WorldCat Collection Analysis: report on pilot project and future CPC project plans

Helen Wigersma reported on the outcome of the pilot project. Her comment was that although we had learned to navigate the WCA product, we have not yet learned how to analyze the data we had gathered. The data set gathered for even a small collection (such as criminology, which was the pilot project focus) is large and complex, and will require thoughtful analysis. No one site or staff member would be able to handle the workload for a CPC project. We should identify what results we want from a collection analysis project and recommend to the CSUL Directors that we hire someone to do these tasks.

Considerable discussion about potential consortial uses of WCA ensued. It was agreed that the goal of any project should be to allocate funds most effectively. We agreed to send John Ingram information about our last two years worth of materials expenditures by general division (i.e. expenditures on serials, monographs, e-resources, etc.).

Some suggested outcomes of data collection and analysis included:

- Identify core collections to work with publishers to set direction for e-book publishing
- Identify strong collections and determine future publishing patterns for these subject areas (e.g., paper vs. electronic)
- Identify unique materials for digitization, if out of copyright
- Determine whether our collecting patterns support local curricular objectives

The CPC recommends that a position be created at FCLA to use WCA to identify the strengths, uniqueness, and age of our collections, as well as to identify shifts in collecting patterns. This will enable the CSUL directors to support our suggested outcomes. John Ingram volunteered to write a summary of these ideas for the CSUL directors, for our review, before submitting it to the directors. The recommendation will include our suggested outcomes, a position description with recommended salary, and a time-frame for project completion. Michele Newberry will contact ICOLC and John Ingram will

contact the Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries for their input on staffing needs.

The WCA Collection Analysis Task Force was thanked and discharged. The CPC recommends that we renew our WCA group subscription.

Digital Archives for Commercial E-Journals

Priscilla Caplan gave the CPC an update on current efforts to archive commercial e-journals. A local digital archive for commercial e-journals was requested by the CSUL directors at their December meeting and a subcommittee to explore this was authorized. Barry Baker of UCF is the CSUL liaison to this subcommittee; John Ingram is chairing it and Priscilla Caplan is also serving on the subcommittee. Priscilla noted that CRL has received a grant from the Mellon Foundation to audit the Elsevier archives in the Netherlands. The concern is that the library community's huge investments in e-journals may not result in permanent access to content.

Priscilla remarked that the FCLA archive is not designed to handle commercial e-journals. The FCLA archive is designed as an institutional repository, and e-publishers have a wide variety of formats in which they publish. It can take a lot of effort to massage that data into a single XML format. Priscilla noted that LOCKSS is a replication solution, but not a preservation strategy. Another archival initiative, Portico, appears promising, but it may not cover all our needs. Since the SUL is a big customer in the e-journal business, we should also consider archival avenues specifically designed for us. FCLA plans to survey Portico, LOCKSS, and other initiatives; the members of the CPC need to identify those publications that we are most concerned about preserving. John noted that we should focus on larger contracts.

Suzanne Nagy related how an OVID title changed publishers and FSU Med lost its "perpetual" access in the process, and urged the subcommittee to examine licensing as part of an archiving initiative.

John Ingram reported that he will ask the subcommittee to have a set of recommendations within six months. It was recommended that Monica Metz-Wiseman of the Electronic Resources Subcommittee (ERS) serve on the subcommittee; Priscilla will solicit a representative from the Digital Development and Access Committee (DDAC). Rita Pellen expressed an interest in serving. Priscilla will draft a charge for the group to address both dim and dark archives.

Personnel changes at FCLA

Ken Wells will be leaving FCLA to work for SOLINET. The CPC discussed how Ken's position might be re-purposed to support current needs. All agreed that it would be useful to have someone at FCLA to negotiate e-resource licenses and Michele noted that the more clerical issues (statistics, troubleshooting) could be spun off to clerical-level staff. To attract someone into this position, the pay would have to be substantially

higher than it currently is, probably around \$60K per year plus benefits. Becky Donlan moved that the CPC recommend to the CSUL directors that Ken Wells' position be re-written, with an appropriate funding package, to negotiate consortial licensing for the CSUL. Helen Wigersma seconded and the motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

The next conference call is scheduled for (xxxxxxx).

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Donlan