

Collections Planning Committee Conference Call

May 8, 2007

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Committee Members Present:

Brenda Wright (FAMU); Linda Barrette (FAMU-LAW); Rita Pellen and Maris Hayashi (FAU); Michele Newberry (FCLA); Tony Schwartz (FIU); Roy Ziegler (FSU); Anne Bardolph (FSU-LAW); Carolyn Klatt and Suzanne Nagy (FSU-MED); Athena Hoepfner, proxy for Michael Arthur (UCF); John Ingram (UF); Edward Hart (UF-LAW); Sarah Philips (UNF); Larry Heilos (USF); Helen Wigersma (UWF); Eleanor Lomax (ERS/FAU)

Helen Wigersma called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. (EDT). After the roll call, Larry Heilos informed the committee that Beverly Shattuck has indicated her willingness to serve as the representative for the University of South Florida – Health Sciences Library (USF-HSC). Helen Wigersma will contact her and add her to the membership list.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the April 10, 2007 meeting were approved with one correction: in the section on Inspec Archives, “FSU” was corrected to “USF.” Recorder Larry Heilos will forward the corrected minutes to Tennille Herron, FCLA, for posting on the CPC website. Appreciation was expressed to Larry for his excellent set of minutes.

Elsevier Proposal: Since ERS had discussed their reactions the day before to the proposal and recent conference call with Elsevier representatives, Helen asked Eleanor Lomax, ERS Chair, to share highlights of that discussion. Eleanor noted these issues:

- The proposal needs to be clarified so it can be readily understood by all.
- Until the proposal is corrected to reflect the USF campuses as a single institution, it is difficult for that institution to understand the true impact of the proposal
- It appears that the new proposal “penalizes” institutions for using non-subscribed titles
- It appears that the new proposal also penalizes those institutions that acted in good faith in swapping out journal titles to meet the needs of the SUL as a whole; those libraries now have titles on their lists that do not meet their true needs and any use of the titles they swapped out results in a higher UTL charge.
- Elsevier expenditures represent the largest single vendor expenditure for most of our institutions; these additional charges seem excessive
- We acted in good faith; did they?

John Ingram announced he had received additional detailed title-by-title spreadsheets from Kenyatte Baylor that he would forward to all members of the ERS and CPC. We

need to review carefully to assure that the Elsevier data properly reflects the reality of our holdings.

Tony Schwartz asked John what the overall cost to the SUL would be if the Freedom Collection proposal were accepted. John estimates that the overall increase would be approximately \$2.3M at the end of the five years. Coupling that with our current 30M+ expenditure would mean that the total cost to the system would be in the neighborhood of \$40M.

There was some conversation about whether we needed to inform our Provosts about the possibility of significant increases and stress the need for a collective response from all universities regarding Elsevier's action, possibly even taking it to the SUS Chancellor, Mark Rosenberg if necessary. He mentioned the potential negative backlash Elsevier might experience.

John indicated that he would work on developing a counter-proposal in time for discussion during the joint conference call planned for ERS and CPC on Thursday, May 24 from 1:00- 3:00 (EDT). He also suggested that we are too early in the negotiation process to begin soliciting reaction from university faculty and administration. The key factors that he will consider when developing the counter proposal will be

- The historic base against which the two earlier proposals were negotiated
- What might serve as a "legitimate" increase
- Usage figures
- Cost per use
- Competition (what other vendors are doing)
- Benefits to Elsevier as well as the SUL

John asked if we could support a flat rate increase such as perhaps 5% per annum. This was generally acceptable to everyone, though USF expressed continuing concerns about the need to identify USF as a single entity.

The committee expressed appreciation to John for the work he is doing on this negotiation. Tony also noted that John's approach was in the spirit of a "shared collections model" that we all support.

Roy Ziegler asked John if he could incorporate in the counter-proposal the recommendation from Monica Metz-Wiseman (USF) about inclusion of the level of spending by various libraries on Elsevier backfiles. John agreed to do that and asked each institution that has purchased backfiles (FAU, UCF, UF, USF) to send information to him as soon as possible. He would like to know

- What backfiles did your institution purchase?
- What was the purchase price?
- When did you purchase these backfiles?

WorldCat Collection Analysis – Status Update: Michele Newberry reported that the contract with Solinet was completed and she has heard nothing further from them. Helen will contact Heather Dray, Solinet, to get a status report.

ERS/CPC Joint Meeting: A joint meeting is planned for sometime in September at a central location to be determined. Athena Hoepfner volunteered UCF as a meeting site. Members will be asked to submit information on dates of availability, and the two committee chairs will work together to set a date and a location. Possible CPC topics will include FCLA budget approval of ERS recommendation, Elsevier negotiations, WorldCat Collection Analysis renewal and updates from the subcommittees.

Updates from Subcommittees

Electronic Resources (Eleanor Lomax reporting)

- University of Chicago Journals Package (Solinet) – five SUL libraries (FAU, FIU, FSU, UF, USF) will participate. Final details are being completed.
- Oxford University Press Journal Package – the agreement has been completed and invoices are expected by May 15.
- Lexis/Nexis: The renewal has been received by FCLA and is \$13,000 more than was expected.
- ATLA: Will no longer be in the CSA package and ERS will review options.
- FCLA: Funding request was not funded by the legislature. Lack of additional funding will impact FY08 renewals.
- Springer: Roy Ziegler asked when invoices might be received. Several members indicated they had already received theirs.

Special Collections Subcommittee - No report; Mark Greenberg is out of the country.

Updates from Task Forces

Collections Statistics Task Force - No report; Becky Donlan was unavailable

Digital Archives Task Force (John Ingram) – the original recommendation to CSUL still stands. Helen will include it as an Action Item in the CPC Quarterly Report and will provide references to the Portico site. Roy Ziegler indicated that FSU may not renew because it is hard to justify that expense. The committee was reminded of the purpose of Portico – investment in it serves as an “insurance policy” in the event of loss of access from the vendor to digital serials resources.

E-Book Task Force (Carolyn Klatt) – has not yet met.

Janus Issues Task Force (Roy Ziegler) – will have its inaugural meeting at the University of Florida on May 11 in Gainesville.

Law Library Task Force (Ed Hart) - the inaugural meeting of the directors of the Florida SUL law libraries has been postponed from May 1 to June 8. He also mentioned that he had sent out an inquiry via an academic law library listserv

regarding possible collection development agreements with sister in-state public law schools and found that no one has yet developed such an agreement. Florida may be breaking new ground.

JSTOR Survey Status: Roy Ziegler reported that the survey data has been received and is being analyzed. He will have a report for the group at its next meeting.

Campus News

- Judy Russell, new Dean of Libraries at UF, started work May 1st
- FIU held three “airport interviews” for a new Dean of Libraries and things look promising.
- FAMU has begun renovation of its building.

Next Conference Call: TBD – possibly June 12 or 19 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (EDT)

Recorder: Helen Wigersma