

Council of State University Libraries  
Collections Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2007

**Present**

Brenda Wright (FAMU); Linda Barrette (FAMU-LAW); Rita Pellen (FAU); Michele Newberry (FCLA); Claire Dygert (FCLA); Becky Donlan (FGCU); Tony Schwartz (FIU); Roy Ziegler (FSU); Anne Bardolph (FSU-LAW); Carolyn Klatt (FSU-MED); Judy Kelly (NCF); Michael Arthur (UCF); John Ingram (UF); Ed Hart (UF-LAW); Sarah Philips (UNF); Larry Heilos (USF); Helen Wigersma (UWF); Eleanor Lomax (ERS/FAU), Maris Hayashi (FAU), Jane Strudwick (FAU)

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of March 13, 2007, conference call, were approved.

Minutes of July 10, 2007, conference call, were amended and approved, as amended.

**Elsevier Proposal Discussion**

a. John Ingram reported that our status with Elsevier remains as it was at our previous meeting. He has not offered a new response to the proposal because there have not been definitive budget statements for this year or the next. He feels there is concern over committing to a five year contract, and requested input from the group.

b. Helen Wigersma asked if, due to our unclear budgetary issues, it would be appropriate to ask Elsevier to extend the current contract for two years with a five percent (5%) cap. Michelle suggested that this proposal might start with no increase and work up to the 5% upper limit.

c. A "straw poll" was taken regarding proposing to extend the current contract with a maximum 5% cap until we have a clearer picture of our budget for the next two years. This proposal was accepted. (Signifying "yes" to the proposal of asking for an extension were Brenda Wright, Linda Barrette, Rita Pellen, Becky Donlan, Tony Schwartz, Roy Ziegler, Anne Bardolph, Carolyn Klatt, Judy Kelly, Michael Arthur, John Ingram, Ed Hart, Sarah Philips, Helen Wigersma.) John said he would start below the 5% and work up.

c. Upon being asked by Helen, no one felt there was a need for Elsevier's attendance at the September meeting.

d. Some general discussion took place regarding Elsevier and other vendors:

- Tony (FIU) asked whether anyone else was considering adding other Elsevier products; they are considering one but have concerns regarding pricing and asked if anyone else has similar concerns. None were voiced.
- General concerns were expressed about new pricing models for print, online, and bundled products for various vendors.
- MDL Information Systems (chemistry and biology material) is being dropped by Elsevier; and there was some question as to how this affects our subscription.

## **WorldCat Collection Analysis Project**

### Reaction to Presentation

Some opinions included: It would not be well received by the Directors; there was too much information to be presented to the Directors. It would be more helpful to summarize the results, the implications, what we can learn from them, and how we can use the report. Some terms were unclear or misrepresentative. It was suggested that spreadsheets could be formatted for easier reading and presentation. There is concern that Solinet might not be able to make a presentation to the Directors that would be persuasive.

### CSUL Presentation

In general, there were concerns expressed that Solinet's presentation did not explain how to interpret the results but, merely, discussed the tool. It would be helpful to have some terms defined such as collection spiking, peaking, aging, and what this means with respect to publication patterns. Michele Newberry expressed concern about getting a presentation on the Agenda for the Directors' meeting. She feels the presentation should be short and specific. Helen will discuss the options with Barry Baker for the Boca meeting or, as a second option, the December meeting.

There was much discussion, but no resolution, about whether Solinet should make a presentation to the Directors and whether they could be persuasive given the type of presentation that was made to this committee. The following concerns were expressed: Becky Donlan was concerned that the Solinet presentation, as made to the CPC, might not be sufficiently persuasive to the Directors and that the CPC would be better able to interpret and explain the results and their importance. Michele has doubts as to how effective Solinet can be and whether it is valuable for them to take up the Directors' time. She is concerned that the data is historical and, without further explanation, may not appear valuable. She feels the report needs to be represented in terms of how it can assist in future decision-making.

John feels the report needs to be finessed and presented to the Directors and someone from CPC needs to interpret it in a more meaningful way.

Helen suggested that the detailed report on the Medical figures be eliminated from any future presentation. She, also, suggested that Heather Dray would be a good Solinet representative to present the data to the Directors as she understands the analysis of the

data. Helen would like to ask Heather to change the terminology of “acquisitions” to “holdings” and make the report compare 10 year time periods (rather than 3, 10, 20, 25). The discussion was steered away from the issue of Solinet’s participation at the meeting, in order to focus more on the report to CSUL.

Additionally, Michele has concerns about the report’s data on e-books. There are deficiencies in OCLC holdings records. Most of us don’t have all of our holdings in OCLC for reasons such as: the records/products that come from other vendors may not be in OCLC, some vendors won’t allow their records to be put in OCLC; we don’t own the books, and, can’t do resource sharing/ILL with them. The report shows that, as a tool, it is not useful for electronic resource overlap analysis. This is another issue for the e-book task force and issue for collection management. Rita Pellen felt these concerns should be extended to e-resources and Carolyn Klatt noted that all of their e-resources are cataloged but none of them showed up in the report.

Helen asked if it would be of benefit to collapse data to reflect 11 institutions rather than all of the individual libraries (but, also, to show separate data for Health, Law, etc.). There was support for this idea and Helen will check with Solinet to determine if they are able to do this.

Helen thinks that the quarterly report to CSUL, which is due Friday, August 17, would be enhanced by a cover letter explaining the ways in which the CPC sees value in the pilot project.

She will draft a cover letter to the Directors citing the specific points that should be made about the functionality and value CPC sees in the results of the Pilot Project. Some uses of the data worth emphasizing are:

- Comparing overlaps and differences in collections from institution to institution to help with decisions about collaborative collecting and to justify budget requests;
- Evaluating the possibilities for cooperative collection development;
- Analyzing the storage issue;
- Determining how collecting patterns have tracked with publication production in specific disciplines;
- Highlighting that there are still issues regarding electronic resources and how holdings records are not reflective of actual holdings.

#### Recommendation to CSUL

September 30 is the expiration date of the current contract. The issue is whether the group, as a whole, is going to participate in the coming year. If anyone drops out, it

would impact the price for everyone. We need to determine if we are ready to make a recommendation to CSUL that we be authorized to move forward with an RFP.

John made a motion to recommend to CSUL that we be authorized to move forward with an RFP. Becky seconds the motion. There was hesitation and abstention; Roy Ziegler asked that we look at it at the September meeting. A vote to either table or move forward with a request for an RFP was held. A “Yes” vote signified agreement to table the issue until the September meeting; a “No” vote signified agreement to move forward with the RFP request.

“Yes” votes: Eleanor Lomax (abstained in Rita’s absence), Tony Schwartz , Roy Ziegler, Anne Bardolph, Carolyn Klatt, Michael Arthur, John Ingram, Ed Hart, Helen Wigersma, because there seems to be uncertainty. “No” votes: Brenda Wright, Linda Barrette, Becky Donlan, Sarah Philips

Helen will tell John Burger that we haven’t made a final decision as to whether we are all in; we will make that decision closer to December, but still need price from him

Recap of Solinet WorldCat Collection Analysis discussion: Helen will draft brief analysis of what we gained from the pilot project and how we see expanding it to be even more beneficial. She will ask Heather Dray if she can do additional work before we send the report out and will ask John Burger for the price for renewal so it can be discussed at the September meeting.

### **Review of Progress on CPC Goals for 2007**

It was agreed that this item would be discussed at the September meeting.

### **CPC/ERS Joint Meeting Agenda**

Dates:

ERS—September 18 and 19 (begin around 10:30 on the 18<sup>th</sup>);

CPC-- September 19 and 20 (begin at 1:00).

Agenda item suggestions:

1. Work w/ERS to discuss their recommendations and take action on those;
2. Elsevier proposal, discussion and progress on the 19<sup>th</sup> with ERS;
3. Shared remote storage facility discussion on the 20<sup>th</sup> and JSTOR as a component of that;
4. Janus Task Force document;
5. Nominations for vice-chair;

6. Budget reduction strategies at various campuses, for example, cooperative collection development and core collection priorities.

### **Updates from Subcommittees**

#### a. Electronic Resources

Eleanor Lomax reported that:

- Solinet/University of Chicago Press pilot project deal is nearing conclusion, with a few issues remaining that should be resolved soon on license and agreement terms. She hopes to hear final details later today. ERS will start at about 10:30 on the 18th to enable people to drive in that morning. Thomson Gale & Proquest will attend on the first day, but they are the only two vendors attending.
- The subcommittee approved allowing tag members to have access to ERS listservs and other informational venues.
- Claire Dygert, FCLA, is working on overlap analysis of the full text aggregators.
- At the last conference call they discussed the demise of the database locator and ERS agreed it should become inactive by the end of December 2007.
- Claire will assume responsibility for Scifinder. Earlier, there was a question as to adding more users to the subscription, but this is no longer possible due to budget cuts.
- Claire was getting EBSCO pricing for everyone for Mental Measurement's Yearbook but pricing wasn't favorable so it was agreed that interested individuals would negotiate with EBSCO on their own.
- Helen applauded the amount of work they accomplish.

#### b. Special Collections

In anticipation of his absence, Mark Greenberg sent a note (read by Helen Wigersma) indicating that the subcommittee has been working on the digital collection; \$75,000, originally slated for digitization projects, has been redirected to support database costs. Given reallocation of funds they will take stock and refocus their energies.

### **Updates from Task Forces**

#### a. Collection Statistics Task Force

Becky Donlan would like everyone to think about taking over as the Collections Statistics Chair. It was decided that this issue should be added to the September meeting. She will consult with members of the task force to see if someone is willing.

#### b. E-book Task Force

Carolyn Klatt asked for people to send her their reports of their e-book packages.

c. Janus Issues Task Force

Roy Ziegler reported that a draft of their document was sent out just prior to this call. With recent budget revelations, the recommendations now seem naïve or impossible. He asked that it be viewed as philosophical. The six challenges represent long term goals that should form our work for years to come. Please, review and offer input at anytime, but he would like to discuss it at the September meeting.

d. Law Library Task Force

Ed Hart reported that on Monday, August 13, a conference call was held with all four directors of the state law libraries. A starting point will be comparing core collection ideas. The American Bar Association's standard is now evolving. He will have more to report in the future.

### **JSTOR Survey**

This was discussed earlier and it was decided that it would be an Agenda item for the September meeting.

### **FCLA E-License Position-SUL Salary Obligation (carry over)**

Michele Newberry (FCLA) does not yet know how this will be billed back to the institutions, but will inquire. It may be added to an invoice for the equipment transfer or any electronic collection billing. However it is handled it will:

- cover the entire fiscal year plus pro-rated term from when Claire began
- be shown as a separate line item.

### **Campus and FCLA Updates: Budget Reduction Conversations**

Helen noted that, with regard to the budget, UWF's President is waiting for more indications from Board of Governors and Legislature before making decisions.

Tony Schwartz announced that FIU is pleased to have a new Library Dean; Ms. Laura Probst is coming from Penn State at the beginning of October.

Travel Plans/funding for the September meeting: FAU still doesn't know if Rita will be able to attend. Eleanor Lomax thinks she will attend but has not been approved, yet. Anne Bardolph of FSU Law probably will not attend as they have cut all travel. Everyone else, present on the call, thinks they will attend. Mark Greenburg probably won't be there but can give a report by teleconference if its possible to set that up.

## **Other**

Remote Storage facility: Judy is going to take plan to CSUL.

Roy Ziegler has a reprint edition (from the 1970's) of the British Parliamentary Papers. All are in fairly excellent condition. There are 100 boxes, nearly 1000 volumes, that he would like to offer to anyone in the State who wants to come up and pick them up. He'll send out a list.

Everyone agreed that there is no need to have a teleconference meeting on September 11 due to the face to face meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.