

State University Libraries - Electronic Resources Subcommittee Quarterly Report

Report from the ERS for review by the SUL Collection Planning Committee, May 8, 2006

This report reflects discussions and activities from committee meetings conducted via conference call on March 6, 2006; April 3, 2006; and May 1, 2006.

Action Items:

There are no action items at this time.

Information items:

Electronic Journal Packages

1. Elsevier ScienceDirect

Invoices have been received. Negotiations will begin this fall for the new contract for 2008 forward.

2. Springer

A new 3-year contract and license have been agreed upon. Invoices have been received by some and being awaited by others.

3. Blackwell Synergy

A new contract continues in negotiation. Participation by private Florida universities is likely and will result in a cost reduction for the SUL.

4. Oxford

The renewal process has been completed and invoices are forthcoming.

Proposals

1. CSA/Sage Full Text Collections – A proposal package was received for all 10 of the collections and including *Communication Abstracts* and *Criminal Justice Abstracts* on May 3, 2006. This has been distributed to the membership for review and consideration.

2. LexisNexis and Readex U.S. Serial Set Proposals – FAMU-LAW, UCF and UNF have purchased the Readex U.S. Serial Set, taking advantage of the favorable pricing offered to the SUL.

3. Knovel Proposal – An SUL trial of the product ran through April. There was not much interest from the member libraries and ERS will not pursue at this time.

E-resource Issues & Initiatives

1. Possible alternatives to the content in LexisNexis Academic

As stated in the previous ERS quarterly report, the subcommittee has undertaken an extensive examination of the LexisNexis Academic product due to the ongoing increases in cost, non-compliance with link resolver and federated search technologies, content loss without replacement, and inadequate and outdated search capabilities.

Reports were received in March from the Business, Science/Health Sciences, Social Sciences, and the Ad hoc Law working groups in response to the **LexisNexis Academic Project – Charge** included below. Alternative sources of content were suggested by the groups, however some of

the **LexisNexis Academic** business and news content was found to be unique and deemed essential.

(The complete reports of the working groups are attached as separate files.)

The ERS studied the reports carefully and obtained price quotes for the alternative sources suggested by the working groups. There is not one resource that could replace **LexisNexis Academic** content completely. Several combinations of products were put forth as options. However, none were without drawbacks with regard to content coverage, pricing, pricing models, and/or compliance with federated search and link resolver technologies.

LexisNexis offered 2 Webinars in April for ERS members in order to demonstrate the direction they are taking on the redesign of the Academic product. Reaction from those attending was generally favorable. **(A list of highlights from the demonstration is included as a separate attachment.)**

FCLA has received the LN renewal worksheet from SOLINET for the 2006/2007. Because of the SUL's continuing growth in FTEs, an increase in the FTE price, and a SOLINET surcharge, the 2006-2007 price for **LexisNexis Academic** will be \$313,158.00. This is an increase of \$16,785.00.

John Ingram and Monica Metz-Wiseman have previously scheduled meetings with Reed Elsevier (owner of LexisNexis) Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing North America, Darrell Gunter. They plan to have discussions on the extreme price increases in recent years, in light of the fact that Florida is a "growth" state and SUL and FCLA budgets have not received proportional budget increases.

The ERS discussed writing a letter to Elsevier regarding the current pricing model. FCLA will provide the ERS with a graphical analysis of LexisNexis price increases as compared to other vendors for the past 5 years. At this time, the ERS agreed to renew, but to continue to examine possible content alternatives and pricing schemes during the upcoming year.

LexisNexis Academic Project – Charge

The SUL ERS (Electronic Resources Subcommittee), at its in-person meeting in September 2005, discussed and recommended investigating alternative resources that could replace the content in LexisNexis Academic. Reasons for this include the continued increase in cost for this already expensive product, the loss of content, the inadequate and outdated search capabilities, and its non-compliance with federated search and link resolver technologies used by the State University Libraries.

Realizing that finding one resource to replace LexisNexis Academic is highly unlikely, the ERS is charging the Business, Science/Health Sciences, Social Sciences subcommittees/working groups and an ad hoc Law working group with researching the possible alternatives. Assignments are as follows:

Business – Business
Science/Health Sciences – Medical
Social Sciences – News (excluding Business, Medical & Legal News)
Ad hoc Law - Legal Research

Some criteria to consider are equal or comparable content, search interface, search capabilities, output functionality (save, print, email), compliance with current technologies (federated searching, link resolvers, open URL, etc.), COUNTER compliant usage reporting. Upon receipt of each group's report, ERS and FCLA will coordinate to obtain pricing.

This assignment and a report of your findings should be completed by March 27, 2006. Please submit the report to the ERS via SUSECC-L@LISTS.UFL.EDU.

Please convene your subcommittee/working group to begin this work and let me know if you have questions or if any other clarification is needed.

3. SFX/Metalib Summit

A survey was developed and sent through the SUL listservs. Monica Metz-Wiseman, Lynn Shay, Athena Hoepfner from ERS and Todd Chavez (DDAC) met to analyze the results. An additional survey was constructed and distributed, with the intent of receiving one response per university. These will be analyzed and the subcommittee will respond with its recommendations for the summit.

4. Pilot Project with SOLINET

The ERS has decided to approach SOLINET with 2 projects, both of which involve negotiating e-journal packages; University of Chicago Press and Taylor & Francis. We will request a proposal that includes SOLINET costs and what will be delivered for that cost. The proposal(s) will be presented to the CSUL Directors for approval.

5. SUL e-resources desiderata list for FCLA 2007- 2008 budget request

The ERS revised the list according to the CSUL Director's discussion of March 9, 2006 that suggests an emphasis on "biotechnology, nursing, education, and other workforce related areas." Additional resources were added; *Children's Literature Comprehensive Database (CLCD)*, *Communication Disorders Dome*, *Learning Express*, *Nature Online*, *ProQuest Education Journals*, *ProQuest Nursing Journals*, and *Science Online*. The revised list was provided to FCLA in two formats; a descriptive document and a spreadsheet. **(Both are attached in separate files.)**

6. FCLA budget

The ERS is, of course, concerned that FCLA has received no new funding for purchasing electronic resources. More scholarly publications become available every year in electronic format. Without increased funding, FCLA cannot help the SULs realize significant savings on resources needed for system-wide educational programs and research.

7. NetLibrary

FAU and UCF have purchased the SOLINET NetLibrary Shared Collection V. NetLibrary is now making a remote authentication system available for use from within library catalogs. This eliminates the need for patrons to create a separate NetLibrary account. The software required involves an additional fee. USF has obtained a price quote.

ERS Organizational Items

1. ICOLC

Michele Newberry (FCLA), Michele Crump (ERS), and Eleanor Lomax (ERS) attended the ICOLC Spring 2006 meeting in Philadelphia, March 27-29. Vendors presenting were: MyiLibrary, Ebrary, Nature, Onelog, Scholarly Stats, and American Chemical Society. Meeting sessions included: Preserving & Accessing, Business of Consortia, Electronic Journal Economics, Usage Statistics, E-books, and Access Management.

2. SULIG meeting at FLA Conference

Valerie Boulos represented the ERS and delivered the subcommittee's report at the SULIG meeting on April 20, 2006.

3. New ERS Members

Roy Ziegler – Voting member, FSU
Carolyn Klatt – Voting member, FSU-MED

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Lomax, Chair Electronic Resources Subcommittee