

State University Libraries - Electronic Resources Subcommittee Quarterly Report

Report from the ERS for review by the SUL Collection Planning Committee, August 15, 2007.

This report reflects discussions and activities from committee meetings conducted via conference call on June 4, July 9 and August 6, 2007.

Action Items: There are no action items at this time.

Information items:

Electronic Journal Packages

1. Oxford University Press

All participants, not already e-only, have agreed to switch for 2008. They will cancel print with their vendor and the e-only subscriptions will be directly with Oxford. The annual price increase is capped at 6%. Any library requiring print will be able to purchase it at a 75% discount.

2. Elsevier

John Ingram requested and received a report of usage statistics for all of the institutions. This was sent to both CPC and ERS members. ERS members have determined that the statistics are accurate and John will now go ahead and craft a response to the original contract proposal submitted by Elsevier.

Trials

1. Mental Measurements Yearbook

Several libraries are subscribing to this or considering it for future subscription via the EBSCO platform. EBSCO provided 2008 pricing based on full participation for unlimited simultaneous users. Pricing was not sufficiently advantageous. Institutions that have an interest will pursue with EBSCO individually.

2. Global Books In Print

A few libraries were interested in upgrading to this version and an SUL-wide trial was requested.

Proposals

1. Plunkett Research Online

Plunkett Research inquired if there was interest in a consortium subscription to Plunkett Research Online. There was no widespread interest at this time. FAU is a subscriber and UWF will pursue a trial on their own.

2. Taylor & Francis

Consortia discounts are available for their suite of products: Routledge social science databases, Dekker Encyclopedias, CRCnetbases, and the Taylor and Francis e-books. There was no widespread interest at this time.

3. Florida Electronic Library

A long list of resources appears to be available through the Florida Electronic Library. Members felt that the list may be misleading to legislators since the difference between "Available Resources" and "Licensed Resources" is unclear. Michele Newberry & Claire Dygert are in contact with the State Library for clarification.

E-resource Issues & Initiatives

1. Pilot Project with SOLINET

University of Chicago Press

FAU, FIU, FSU, UF & USF now have access to the package of titles. Some details of the license and terms of the agreement are still being finalized and invoicing has not been completed. At the time of this writing, Tim Cherubini reports "...we do seem to be in the final stage."

2. Wish Lists

Based on the lists submitted by the subject working groups, ERS prepared a list of desired resources to FCLA for use in the 2008-2009 budget request. **(Included as a separate attachment)**

3. SciFinder Scholar

USF reported significant turnaways with regard to this product and posed the question of adding additional users. Other libraries also noted turnaways, but were not receiving complaints or reports that these were a significant problem. Pricing for adding users for USF was obtained. In light of the current financial situation, no additional users will be added.

4. FirstSearch per search databases

OCLC redistributed the remaining 27,953 searches from FCLA to the SULs according to the FTE percentages as follows:

FCM	1286
FXG	2236
FGM	3634
FGA	559
FDA	4193
FTU	4416
FNP	1398
FUG	5171
FHM	4109
FWA	839

Each SUL has decided which databases they want activated and notified Rich Bennett which to list in the Database Locator.

5. FCLA Budget for databases

Although all renewal quotes have not been received, the shortfall within the budget for databases has been estimated at \$216,569. This figure is based on FCLA funds of \$3,006,674 which reflect a 4.2% reduction and includes the digitization funds that have been redirected to help cover the database costs. The estimated renewal costs are \$3,223,243 based on a flat 2.7% average increase.

Work has begun on an analysis of existing resources, especially those with full text that may have significant overlap.

6. Database Locator

ERS members agreed that the Database Locator should become inactive by the end of December 2007.

ERS Organizational Items

1. Membership

Edward Hart has replaced Kathie Price as the member from UF-LAW.

2. In-Person Meeting

The 2007 ERS in-person meeting is scheduled for September 18 & 19 at UCF in Orlando.

Respectfully submitted,
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