

State University Libraries - Electronic Resources Subcommittee Quarterly Report

Report from the ERS for review by the SUL Collection Planning Committee, February 8, 2007.

This report reflects discussions and activities from committee meetings conducted via conference call on Dec. 4, 2006, Jan. 8, and Feb. 5, 2007.

Action Items:

Decision on the pilot project with SOLINET. See details in the **E-resource Issues & Initiatives** section of this report.

Information items:

Electronic Journal Packages

1. Blackwell Synergy

Invoices are being received.

2. Cambridge University Press

The renewal of this package is in process.

3. Oxford University Press

We are exploring with OUP a new licensing model for 2008 and beyond. The model will treat the OUP collection as a database of titles with our spend based on previous years. The 2007 agreement will be an extension of our 2004-06 agreement. Invoices for the premium are forthcoming. OUP is working with Monica Metz-Wiseman at its typically slow pace, although they did meet at ALA Midwinter to map out strategies for 2007 and beyond.

Proposals

1. Scholars Resource

This proposal is for a consortial purchase & licensing of perpetual access to digital images. Images are from 4 collections: Saskia Ltd., Davis Art Images, Bridgeman Art Library, and Harthill Associates. Participating libraries or FCLA would need to provide the server(s) and software needed to access and work with the images, although some universities have image appropriate software, such as LUNA Insight, ContentDM, and DigiTool. Because this is not a straightforward subscription or purchase of an electronic product hosted at a publisher or vendor site, it has been referred to the CPC.

More specifics on pricing were received in January 2007 and discussed during the February conference call. Pricing was quoted for participation by 3, 5, or 11 for either 2 or all 4 collections. There is a definite benefit to purchasing for even the smallest group. The issues involved in choosing software to host these images were again discussed. It does not appear that a collaborative effort is viable at this time

2. SAGE Premier

ERS requested and received a proposal for the SAGE Premier product. This will provide access to approximately 450 journals from 1999 to the present. Discussions are in progress at this time with regard to pricing, content, terms of the agreement, etc.

3. Nature

The Nature Publishing Group has submitted a proposal that would offer discounting to all if they receive 2 more subscribers from the group. Previously, they required 3 new subscribers. FGCU and UNF are very interested in pursuing this after July 1, 2007.

E-resource Issues & Initiatives

1. Pilot Project with SOLINET

Extension of this project through February was approved.

University of Chicago Press – The original proposal expired and a new proposal was sent to ERS on December 20, 2006. The representative for U. of Chicago changed between these 2 proposals and time was needed to bring her up to speed.

An update was sent to ERS on Jan. 17, 2007 to indicate that a meeting was being set up at ALA Midwinter; however the publisher representative reported that she would not be attending. On Feb. 5, T. Cherubini reported that an update to the proposal put in front of us last October was being prepared and the publisher committed to delivering that by the February 15th.

Taylor & Francis – Questions and comments provided by ERS members on the proposal were in discussion as of December 20, 2006. Information regarding CSUL libraries with current subscriptions to T & F collections sent to SOLINET on December 21, 2006 and completed on January 10, 2007.

An update was sent to ERS on Jan. 17, 2007 to indicate that a meeting was being set up at ALA Midwinter. Due to a lack of response from the T&F representative a meeting was not scheduled and attempts to connect with her at the booth were unsuccessful.

On Feb. 5, T. Cherubini reported that T&F continued to be elusive and that he would be concentrating on these negotiations while awaiting the updated proposal from the University of Chicago.

ERS feels that this has been a valuable experiment. However, the length of time involved may mean that the negotiations and the possible agreements/subscriptions continue beyond February 2007. The negotiations with these two publishers demonstrate that, despite the diligence of any negotiator, it is sometimes very difficult to get responses and action from certain publishers and their representatives. The ERS members continue to have an interest in the content from both of these publishers and would like to see this pilot project continue. If it is deemed that this pilot project should end now, it is hoped that negotiations could be continued in the future by the FCLA E-Resource Licensing Specialist.

2. Gale Virtual Reference Library

The SULs completed the process of selecting additional Gale Virtual Reference titles to purchase using the Gale credit extended as a result of persistent migration issues of previously purchased Ready Reference Shelf titles. The following titles have been added for all of the CSUL libraries:

- Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary, 37th ed.
- American Decades
- Career Information Center, 9th ed.
- College Blue Book, 34th ed.
- Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2nd ed.
- Encyclopedia of Clothing and Fashion
- Gale Encyclopedia of Nursing and Allied Health, 2nd ed.
- Notable Black American Men, 2nd ed.
- Social Issues Primary Sources Collection:
 - Crime and Punishment: Essential Primary Sources
 - Environmental Issues: Essential Primary Sources
 - Family in Society: Essential Primary Sources
 - Gender Issues and Sexuality: Essential Primary Sources

- Government, Politics, and Protest: Essential Primary Sources
- Human and Civil Rights: Essential Primary Sources
- Immigration and Multiculturalism: Essential Primary Sources
- Medicine, Bioethics, and Health: Essential Primary Sources
- Social Policy: Essential Primary Sources
- Terrorism: Essential Primary Sources

3. MLA Bibliography

All members have opted to accept the EBSCO proposal for access on the EBSCOhost platform. Each library was invoiced separately. This is no longer an FCLA funded resource and choosing this option reduced the FCLA overage by \$ 61,797.00.

4. FirstSearch Blocks

It is estimated that the remaining FCLA funded search blocks should carry us through the Spring 2007 semester. Libraries will not need to purchase these on their own until the Summer 2007 semester.

ERS Organizational Items

1. CPC Collection Statistics Task Force

Sarah Philips, UNF, will represent the ERS on this task force.

2. Michele Newberry – FCLA

Michele Newberry announced that she will not be leaving FCLA.

3. Valerie Boulos – FIU

Valerie will be on maternity leave beginning February 1, 2007. She will remain as the FIU member for the foreseeable future and there will not be a need to seek a new vice-chair.

4. John Ingram – UF

At the January 8, 2007 conference call, John announced that this would be his last ERS meeting. He will remain as a member of CPC and he hopes to work on the negotiation of a new Elsevier agreement for 2008+.

5. CPC In-person Meeting

Eleanor Lomax will attend the CPC in-person meeting at FGCU February 12 & 13, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Lomax, Chair, Electronic Resources Subcommittee