

MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee Minutes

July 15, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MCO Office, Columbia, Missouri

Attendance: Sue Morgan (Archway), Nina Stawski (Arthur), Ellen Eliceiri (Bridges), Jane Theissen (Bridges), Dan McGurk (Lance), Fran Stumpf (MCO), Terry Austin (MERLIN), Rhonda Whithaus (MERLIN), Cynthia Dudenhoffer (Quest), Georgia Baugh (Saint Louis University), Ed Walton (SWAN), Frank Baudino (Towers), Carol Antoniewicz (Washington University), Laurie Hathman (WILO)

Minutes: Sue Morgan (Archway)

I. Airing It Out

- *Archway* – The cluster catalog redesign is nearing completion. Jefferson College is undergoing renovation and weeded its reference collection.
- *Arthur* – Many of the small libraries in Arthur have increasingly tight budgets and are concentrating on keeping their current databases rather than expanding their database holdings.
- *Bridges* – Fontbonne University purchased JSTOR 3 and 4 and are working on a circulation desk manual and a copyright manual. Webster University hired a new reference librarian, Jodi Borgerding and is creating its annual CD for its extended campuses in Captivate rather than Camtasia. Maryville University has an opening for an Electronic Resources and Collections Librarian; Melissa Belvadi is now at Prince Edward Island University. Lindenwood University purchased new furniture and is weeding its collection. Kenrick Seminary is weeding its collection. The seminary libraries are planning for the July ATLA conference in St. Louis.
- *Lance* – Cluster catalog redesign is ongoing. Truman University purchased Serials Solutions A – Z list and link resolver. Truman is investigating the purchase of additional online reference books including Credo Reference.
- *MCO* – Fran Stumpf reported that none of the new online resource offerings made it this year. Existing resources got new subscriptions and outnumbered cancellations. The Wilson representative at ALA stated that Education Full Text is adding an ERIC interface.
- *MERLIN* – A task force will meet in July to look at overlay products. UMSL and Missouri University of Science and Technology are going through LSO offices for ordering.
- *Quest* – Two libraries in the cluster are being renovated.
- *Saint Louis University* is reorganizing its reference staff into teams. They are doing a trial of 360 Search and researching next generation catalogs. Dissertations and Theses Full Text is up and running.
- *SWAN* – Southwest Baptist University is investigating purchasing Credo Reference, art and music databases and is looking for nursing products in

addition to CINAHL. Missouri Southern State University has added JSTOR Arts & Science Collection 1-6, A & S Complement, Sage & Gale e-books, OED Online, and ProQuest's Dissertations and Thesis databases. SWAN is discussing Encore.

- *Towers* – Northwest Missouri State University cancelled Britannica Online, 1Search (360 Search), and the Psychology and Behavioral Science Collection. They added Credo Reference; Daily Life Premium; Safari Books (150 e-book titles in computer science and psychology); PsychArticles (EBSCOhost); SAGE Premier; Science Direct – Health and Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Science; The Wall Street Journal (full text); CQ Almanac backfiles and backfiles of Gale's For Students eBook Collection; Serials Solutions' Electronic Resource Management module.
- *Washington University* – A task force is working on an overlay next generation discovery tool. They are rearranging their reference staff, moving many reference books to the stacks and are ordering online reference tools. The facelift of their website will debut on July 16.
- *WILO* – The cluster's catalog redesign is close to completion. Rockhurst University purchased OCLC's WorldCat Collection Analysis.

II. Introduction of New Chair

Frank Baudino from Northwest Missouri State University in the Towers cluster was introduced at the new MERAC chair.

III. Discussion: How to Handle Election of MERAC Chair Each Year

After discussion, the following motion was made by Jane Theissen and seconded by Ed Walton:

Beginning with the 2009-2010 year, the MERAC chair will be elected by cluster rotation. The past chair will serve in an advisory role to the new chair if possible. The motion carried unanimously.

Carolyn Antoniewicz made the following motion, seconded by Terry Austin: The MERAC chair rotation will start with Washington University in fiscal year 2010 followed by SWAN in fiscal year 2011 and will continue per the Advisory Committee Appointment Schedule, revised March 2, 2007. The motion received unanimous approval.

IV. Orientation for All New Committee Members at MOBIUS Conference in June

Committee members agreed that it would be advantageous to invite and encourage both new and continuing advisory committee members to meet at the MOBIUS conference, possibly using a workshop slot. It was also noted that the orientation meeting announcement was sent out too late for new members to see and take advantage of the opportunity.

V. MOBIUS Limited License Resources Policy

The MOBIUS Limited License Resources Policy has been approved. It was distributed at the MOBIUS Council meeting. Georgia Baugh will send the policy to the MERAC listserv, and Fran Stumpf will check on posting it on the MCO website.

VI. Identifying Databases for MOBIUS Cafeteria Program for FY10

Fran Stumpf reported that in the past two years, new databases have not made the cut. She also stated that MAROON is not operational and will not be until at least January, 2009.

The Committee discussed many possibilities including:

- 1) A one-year hiatus in offering new products through the Cafeteria Program. The low interest in the FY 09 offerings and the limited staff time that MCO can devote to this project are two of the reasons cited.
- 2) Offering Econ Lit; this needs to be bid.
- 3) Offering an electronic reference collection.

Terry Austin said that the UM Library Systems Office maintains a union list of the electronic resources of the four campuses of the University of Missouri. She will compile a list of products commonly held by two or three campuses and will post the results on MERAC-C-L. (If we can identify products already commonly held, especially if they are offered by more than one vendor, we might increase the likelihood that we could get more competitive pricing.)

Fran Stumpf will investigate pricing for Credo Reference outside of MLNC.

VII. New Survey Instrument

Fran Stumpf reported that MCO is now using Opinio as its online survey instrument. The group agreed that, especially if there are no new offerings for 2010, redesigning the survey is very important. RhondaWhithaus will send out a link to Nina Stawski's survey in Survey Monkey.

VIII. Other Business – none

IX. Meeting Schedule: Tuesday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. via Adobe Connect
Tuesday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m. via Adobe Connect

Respectfully submitted,

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