

Minutes

MCDRSC web conference via Adobe Connect

May 8, 2008

10:00am – 11:30am

Attendance:

UMC: Rhonda Whithaus, Cindy Bassett, Hunter Kevil, Diane Johnson, Goodie Bhullar, Mary Ryan, Judy Maseles

UMKC: Diane Hunter, Steve Alleman, Kathy Hall

UMSL: Christopher Dames, Jan Peach, Marilyn Rodgers

MST: Maggie Trish

SLU: Georgia Baugh

LSO: Terry Austin, Abbie Brown, Susan McCormack

Introductions:

Diane Hunter introduced Steve Alleman, the new Head of Collections for UMKC. He will be taking Brenda Dingley's place on the committee.

LSO Report, Terry Austin:

1. Budget reconciliation: The preliminary budget for FY2009 shows an additional \$38,000 additional to offset inflationary expenses. However, LSO must spend out the FY2009 budget in its entirety, with no reserves, and work with a zero-sum budget from now on. This will require us to take two actions. First, we must prepare a cut list for FY2010 in case no money is received to cover inflation. Second, in order to spend out the reserves in FY2009 we will need a list of one-time spends as placeholders in case they are needed.

Terry suggested we begin working on the cuts and placeholders, to total about 6-7% of the budget (\$175-\$200k), early in FY2009. She also reminded us that it is appropriate to consider swaps as well, which may save us money. Terry will send two lists: one for resources we cannot cut due to multi-year contracts and one for resources we can cut. She will also send out the list of titles we considered core to all four campuses during our last examination for cuts. We will all develop our lists of items to cut, to not cut, and possible exchanges based on that information.

2. ScienceDirect/Freedom Collection: We are still waiting for the license amendment to be signed. It is with the attorneys, and will have to be signed off

by Nikki Krawitz as well. Elsevier will not invoice the vendors until they get the signed license agreement.

3. Scopus: This deal is complete. Web of Science will be gone as of 6/30/08. LSO will be looking at how to make the backfiles accessible.

4. El Compendex/Inspec bid: Terry needs confirmation on two things before sending out the bid; the interface and the segments of years. All campuses but MST were able to confirm. MST will email Terry with their confirmation.

5. Offers on the table:

Safari Technical Books: Only MST interested in full file.

PAIS archive: Only UMKC interested

LNCS/Springer e-books: Only MST interested.

Academic Search Premier vs. Complete: All agreed not to get Complete.

Springer Protocols: Free offer for rest of year. Campuses to let Terry know if they are interested.

6. SciFinder Web Edition: MU can implement now, other UM campuses cannot until at least October. LSO is looking at making registration available through them. Our license agreement will have to be amended for MU, then for the others of us. MU is going to try splitting their seats between the client and web versions, and watching the statistics. They mentioned that the alert system for users is very nice.

7. MARC records for the Congressional Serial Set: about \$33.8k for MERLIN. David Owens at UMSL has suggested we could write a grant to obtain the records. Campuses are to take this item back for discussion.

8. Statistics: Terry reports that as the new MOBIUS site is being made accessible without passwords to more users, LSO has decided to move the usage data to the MERLIN gateway. It will be separately passworded. This is due to cost information included in the data. They will also be reformatting the statistical data starting with FY08 data. They should start posting the FY08 data in August.

TOC Subcommittee:

The committee looked at Syndetics ICE, Backstage and Blackwells. Syndetics ICE was rejected as the TOC are not indexed in a catalog search unless the system is using AquaBrowser. Backstage costs \$1.18/record and their TOC cannot be passed through to MOBIUS. Blackwell's costs \$2.14/records, but can be passed to MOBIUS. We have approximately 18k records that meet our criteria to send for 2006-2009 dates. Christopher said we can use limits with Backstage, but the file may have to be pulled separately from the authority load and thus may happen after the authority processing, which would mean a delay. The consensus was to try Backstage and see how the process goes.

Issues from MQCC:

1. Icons: Diane will send out the file with suggestions by UMKC and MU. We will work on recommendations online. The system can only accept 32 icons, so we may need to compromise on some.
2. Limiting in advanced search by electronic resources: All agreed to implement.
3. Limits for specific A/V formats: All agreed to implement this limit.
4. Discrepancy in LC and non-LC genre/form labels: Agreed to unify both to the label of Genre/Form for both LC and non-LC entries.

Usability Tests:

MU reports that their usability testing has yielded some interesting results. Among the issues was a lack of understanding what the “your entry would be here” message means, confusion with serial records, and giving too much or too little information to patrons. They are working with Hardy to see what types of changes the Innovative system can handle, then will propose some changes.

MERAC & MCDAC Reps:

Rhonda will continue as our MERAC rep for next year, and Christopher Dames will continue as our alternate. They had no report to share this time. There was also no MCDAC report.

Terry noted that she has some issues with the MCO/MERAC price of CINAHL. The price proposed is a 21.1% increase. She is looking at going outside the MOBIUS deal. Georgia Baugh mentioned that they would like to see some pricing when Terry gets it. If there are other resources you want to trial as a replacement for CINAHL let Terry know. CINAHL is a January 1 renewal.

MCDRSC Chair for 2009:

Christopher Dames from UMSL has stepped up to be chair next year.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 21, 2008 10am-12pm, via Adobe Connect. Our next in-person meeting will take place when we are ready to work on the cuts list.