MERLIN Collection Development & Reference Services Committee
(MCDRSC)
December 9, 2004
Columbia, Missouri

In attendance: Terry Austin (MCO), Susan McCormack (MCO), Georgia Baugh (SLU), Pat Gregory (SLU), Marilyn Carbonell (UMKC), Diane Hunter (UMKC), Lawrence MacLachlan (UMKC LAW), Nena Thomas (UMR), Chris Dames, Chair (UMSL), Jan Peach (UMSL), Marilyn Rodgers (UMSL), Goodie Bhullar (MU), Hunter Kevil (MU), Judy Maseles (MU), Mary Ryan (MU), Rhonda Whithaus (MU), Diane Johnson (MU HSL), Steve Lambson (MU LAW), Mary Krieger, recorder (SLU HSC)

I. **MCO Report**

Terry Austin reported that if we would like to continue a subscription to Current Contents, it could be tied in with her negotiations with ISI for Web of Science in January.

II. **Renewal of Current Contents - Committee Discussion**

Diane Johnson reported that as an SDI tool, faculty at her campus greatly prefer the Ovid Current Contents interface because of ease of use, email option, and ability to link to Ovid content. She performed a mini-assessment of Current Contents versus other "current awareness" services, and determined that journal coverage was about the same as Web of Science, and that Current Currents was 29% more current compared to some of the other services. She reminded us that Current Contents has 7 sections and that they would be most interested in having the Clinical Medicine and Life Sciences sections. Chris Dames said that the faculty at UMSL did not voice complaints about losing Current Contents. Marilyn Carbonell said that some of the health sciences faculty at UMKC would like to keep Current Contents, but other faculty units were willing to give it up to get additional full-text resources. Terry Austin said that when she negotiates our Web of Science renewal she will check on the price for the Current Contents Clinical Medicine and Life Sciences sections.

III. **UM Libraries Electronic Resources Discussion**

Terry Austin displayed the file of the rankings of electronic resources by each campus and Chris Dames asked for discussion as he proceeded down the list of the top ranked choices:

- SciFinder Scholar Upgrade--all members in agreement

- Web of Science shift of campus costs to LSO--all members in agreement

- Core Biomedical Collection--all members in agreement

- Cell Press--all members in agreement

- JSTOR General Science--Terry Austin said that the one time fee can be distributed over three years; all members in agreement about this resource

- Nature--all members in agreement

- JSTOR Ecology and Botany--all members in agreement

- BioOne 2005--all members in agreement

- Nature Reviews and Research--all members in agreement

- Annual Reviews--UMC has already renewed their subscription and the pricing in the spreadsheet is for UMR, UMSL, UMKC

- Science--several members commented on the fact that even though Science is included in our Ovid e-journal package, the publisher's version includes significantly more content; all members in agreement

- SpringerLink electronic access--Diane Johnson reported that MU HSL had identified $14,000 of Springer titles to cut and that they needed to be able to cancel them. Usage data had shown that 64% use was in 8% of the titles. Terry Austin said that the cancellation policy is 2%. Diane asked in what subject areas were the Springer titles significant and Judy Maseles said that in Mathematics, Computer Science, and Engineering the Springer titles were considered very important. The committee decided that we should go forward with the purchase of SpringerLink through GWLA. We can collect data over the next year and see exactly how much use there is of the titles.

- Kluwer electronic access--all members in agreement

- ACM Digital Library--the best deal for this is through GWLA, but UMSL was the only campus that hasn't already purchased this resource. It was removed from the list for 2005 but will be purchased through GWLA in 2006.

- JSTOR Arts and Sciences III--all members in agreement

- Ovid LWWW High Impact--all members in agreement; Terry Austin said that Ovid contracts run from July to June, so she will get a 6 month subscription for January-June, then negotiate for a one year price.

- TRD (Technology Research Database)--price on the spread sheet is for 3 campuses, Rolla already has this resource. The committee members agreed that the cost of $5,000 per campus is a good price.

- JSTOR Arts and Sciences II--all members in agreement

- JSTOR Arts and Sciences IV--all members in agreement

- Serial Set Readex--This resource is available from 2 vendors and will most likely have to be bid. Readex is willing to accept payment of one-half of the one time fee now, and one-half later. To defer payment there will be a ½% per month charge ($4,000 est.). MU Law already has Serial Set from Readex.

- Web of Science Backfiles (1990-1994)--This resource was a top ranked choice for MU. The other three campuses reported that the demand for backfiles was not high. At UMSL, the users want the most recent files. At UMKC, users also need the most recent files and faculty prefer to add full-text content like that in Serial Set. UMR has Science Citation Index in CD and print format and their users also prefer to get the full-text content. Chris Dames reported that in negotiating purchases, the committee has traditionally tried to honor the first choices of each campus. The committee agreed to defer purchase of APS Legacy and ACM Digital Library until next year. Terry Austin suggested moving $40,000 for the purchase of Table of Contents (TOC) to old money and moving purchase of Core Biomedical $36,000 to new money. By shifting funds and recalculating the costs, she was able to fit the Web of Science backfiles into the stipulated budget amount.

- Wiley Titles Electronic Access--Hunter Kevil had participated in discussion of Wiley electronic access through GWLA. The access fee would be 2% of the total amount in subscriptions, and all committee members agreed that this is an extremely good deal. It will not be covered in this current fund, but will remain on the list for future consideration.

Nena Thomas asked a question about how individual campuses should deal with January renewals in light of the upcoming consortial purchase of some resources. Terry Austin said that the Nature publisher would credit renewals and JSTOR would pro rate subscriptions.

Final notes: The committee agreed that three resources--APS Legacy, ACM Digital Library, and Communication & Mass Media--would be considered for purchase first for FY 2006 because there was a great deal of interest in these. If campuses have already paid their ACM bills, they will not need to send them to Terry Austin.
Terry Austin will send a list of the resources recommended for purchase to SLU and Washington University to see if those institutions want to be included in the consortial pricing.
The Current Contents subscription will end June 30, 2004.

IV. **New Business**
MCDAC had asked this committee for input on two OPAC enhancements:

A. The Request Item button can be automatically suppressed when the record is not requestable.
   All campuses agreed that this should be turned on.
B. Patrons can be given the option to pre-limit a Web OPAC search to those titles with available items (Limit to Available).
   Initially there was a tie vote: UMSL and UMR voted for this enhancement and MU and UMKC voted against. Chris Dames asked why the campuses voting against it had done so. MU's objection was that if they use this limit, users may not know that they can check MOBIUS. Because there was discrepancy between the campuses in interpreting this feature, this committee will seek clarification from MCDAC before making a recommendation.

New Business--Sending the UM Libraries Electronic Resources Initiative Recommendation to the Directors:
UMKC asked that text be included to inform the directors that although there were some resources that we would have liked to recommend, e.g. ScienceDirect, the vendor's high costs and no cancellation policy would have exceeded the amount of funds available. Chris Dames will draft a proposal 12/10 and email to MCDRSC members for review; then he will send it to George Rickerson to send to the Directors. Chris will include a list of the voting committee members.

New Business--Converting OPAC Script:
Judy Maseles made the suggestion that the script be converted to San Serif. The Subcommittee that will look at redesigning the OPAC consists of Chris Dames, Diane Hunter, Georgia Baugh, Goodie Bhullar, and Sherry Mahnken. Previously they did not have a chair and had not had time to meet. Chris Dames volunteered to set up a meeting date with the group and start looking at some of the good OPACs.

New Business--Status of Other Subcommittees:
Marilyn Carbonell will head the Digitization Subcommittee and will email the group to get volunteers to serve.
The Instruction Subcommittee consists of Pat Gregory, Peggy McDermott, Mary Krieger, Jamie Schmid, Diane Hunter, Rudolph Clay, Chris Niemeyer, Goodie Bhullar, and Carrie Donovan. Terry Austin will put together a listserv for this group and Diane Hunter will draft a mission statement.

New Business--ECO Collection:
Each campus will review their titles and determine what they want and don't want. For now we will stay the course with ECO and reevaluate for a July renewal.

New Business--Online Meeting Format:
Marilyn Carbonell mentioned that UMKC had switched from WebCT to BlackBoard. There was a discussion of the bulletin board format versus teleconference versus the videoconferencing capability through MORENET. The committee agreed that it is not necessary to see faces for an online meeting and that

the teleconferences seem to be working out well. Chris Dames said that teleconferencing can include six sites without charge.

New Business--Links@Ovid:
Diane Johnson announced that Links@Ovid has a new convenient feature that allows upload of text files and we may wish to take a look at it.

V.   Date for Next Meeting
The next MCDRSC meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2005. A member from UMKC will take minutes. Terry Austin will schedule the room at MCO but we may decide to meet via teleconference. One of the agenda items will be to vote on whether or not to continue with the one record approach for periodicals in the OPAC. Currently both print and electronic versions of periodical titles are included in one record. MQCC would like us to vote on changing to a two record approach; one for the print and one for the electronic versions.

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