

MERLIN Collection Development and Reference Services Committee
August 26, 2009
Meeting via Adobe Connect

Present

LSO: Terry Austin, Abbie Brown, Susan McCormack

MST: Sherry Mahnken, Maggie Trish, co-chairs

SLU: Georgia Baugh

UMSL: Jan Peach, Tim Nelson

UMKC: Melissa Muth, Steve Alleman

MU: Diane Johnson, Cindy Bassett, Mary Ryan, Judy Maseles, Sarah Cron, Rhonda Whithaus (recorder)

A. LSO – Terry Austin

1. Preparation for FY11 cut list

- a. Forms for the cut list, resource list and cost increases sent via email earlier this week. Let LSO know if you have any questions.
- b. LSO has posted FY09 usage statistics and cost distribution analyses on the MERLIN gateway (<http://merlin.missouri.edu> and click on Statistics; login with your email username and password). This is the first time we have been able to combine the general resources list with the UM ERI funded list of resources.
- c. For FY11, we will most assuredly have to make some cuts. LSO is asking us to prepare a \$250,000 cut list. Each campus is to submit a ranked list of resources to cut by Oct. 30. An in-person meeting will be scheduled in November to finalize the cut list.
- d. Terry shared some slides.
 - i. Slide 1: Arts & Humanities Searches for FY09
MU=1491 searches
UMKC=242 searches
MST=69 searches
UMSL=511 searches
Grand total=2313 searches
 - ii. Slide 2: Resources we cannot cut due to multi-year contracts:
American Institute of Physics
Springer
Scopus
ScienceDirect/Freedom
 - iii. Slide 3: eResources cut in FY10
Poole's 19th Century Masterfile
LexisNexis Statistical –SRI module
Inspec
Environmental Science & Pollution Management

This should be the last of the cuts for FY10. A number of vendors have agreed to no price increases this year, which has helped us. We do have a small cushion, but there is a rumor that there will be another hold-back. We have a cushion because MCO has contracted with LSO for handling eresources deals. There is revenue for this contract (\$27,000-\$30,000) that can be put towards MERLIN databases.

iv. Slide 4: Cut list for FY10

v. Slide 5: FY08, FY09 Usage Comparison of Nature Clinical Practice Journals and Company of Biologists

Company of Biologists:

FY08=8675 FT Views/\$1.96 per view

FY09=8627 FT Views/\$2.11 per view

Nature Clinical Practice Journals:

FY08=1583 FT Views/\$13.27 per view

FY09=1188 FT Views/\$18.56 per view

Terry will go ahead and send out the bid for Nature Clinical Practice Journals. She did note that it was #3 on the cut list for FY10 and could still be cancelled if necessary. We cannot bid for both Nature Clinical Practice Journals and Nature Research & Reviews Journals because Nature Research and Reviews are not available from different vendors for the same time period. Terry will double-check to be sure this is still accurate. Although Nature and Nature Reviews & Research journals are listed together and are paid together, they could be separate. It is possible for us to decrease the number of Research & Review titles. However, we are paying a bundled price and it often does not save money to deconstruct the package. It is open for exploration if there is interest.

e. Considerations for FY11 cuts:

- i. OVID User Licenses – there are no turnaways. We no longer have Compendex, Inspec or CINAHL on the OVID platform so we could reduce the number of user licenses.
- ii. Terry suggested that we consider sending PsycINFO out for bid. OVID charges a \$20,000 platform fee and it is possible that we could get a lower subscription cost from another vendor. It would provide a way to lower our costs without canceling something. Terry noted that PsycArticles, which we order through MOBIUS Database Cafeteria, is currently on the OVID platform, but it will have to be bid for FY11.
- iii. Steve suggested that everyone consider other cost-saving ideas and share them on the list.

2. MCO Website

MCO has a new website. Once minutes are approved, they should be sent to the MCO Help Desk with a request to post them.

3. eResources security breach document status

Maggie and Sherry did forward the document to the Directors for discussion. Gary Allen requested that Beth Chancellor, Assoc. CIO, review it. Terry, Maggie and Sherry participated in a teleconference with Beth Chancellor to discuss it. A new draft has been created and will be sent to MCDRSC for review soon.

B. Review of material type drop-down menu options

MCDRSC has discussed this in the past with MQCC and the material types have been re-ordered in MERLIN. The question is, are we ok with the current list order of material types? Melissa will send to the listserv a list from an earlier meeting so that we can compare. One item highlighted was the placement of dissertations in the list. Terry will look through the minutes from earlier MCDRSC meetings to find our previous discussions on this topic. Each campus is to review the list and return comments in 2 weeks.

C. TOC discussion – Melissa Muth

In previous years, we have run out of funding for TOC and so are always behind on enrichment. Terry reminded that we ran a list in December 2008 based on criteria worked out by MCDRSC and MQCC to update records, but did not have additional money to update again. A new list will be run in December 2009, but the criteria needs to be updated first. Terry will send out the criteria used last year and Maggie Trish offered to coordinate with MQCC. Blackwell is holding the price to \$1.18/title. We used to run TOC quarterly, but no longer do so. In the past, the allocation for TOC was spent before the year was up. The gap in time will be determined by the amount we have to spend. We don't know how many titles will be enhanced. If there is money left after the December run, perhaps we run it again in April. If we want to increase the allocation for TOC, we will have to cancel additional resources. MU was opposed to cancelling additional resources to add to TOC. UMSL stated that TOC should be on the list of resources to consider cancelling for FY11. MU asked if it would be possible to use the money allocated for TOC this year (FY10) to prepay something for FY11 so we would not have to cancel as much. This idea is on the table for discussion at the November meeting.

D. Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 11

This will be an in-person meeting in Columbia.
It will be UMSL's turn to take minutes.