MCDRSC Meeting Minutes, April 5, 2011

Attendees:

UMSL: Jan Peach, Tim Nelson, Lindsay Schmitz
MST: Maggie Trish, Sherry Mahnken
MU: Mary Ryan, Hunter Kevil, Rhonda Whithaus, Diane Johnson
UMKC: Steve Alleman, Christine Angolia, Larry Maclachlan
LSO: Terry Austin, Abbie Brown, Susan McCormack

1. Draft Collection Development Policy

   The committee began by discussing Hunter's suggestions on the wiki regarding the issue of balance among subject areas as written in the draft policy. (On the wiki, Hunter suggested that imbalance may be reasonable at the system level and that we should define what we mean by balance.)

   Mary pointed out that part of the dilemma when addressing balance is that there are two competing missions to be considered, the mission of the system as a whole and the mission of the campuses, which may vary. Diane suggested that a comment about supporting these dual missions should be added to the policy. Steve agreed to a statement regarding missions early in the first paragraph of the draft policy.

   Steve pointed out that at the earlier meeting, the committee had discussed coming up with two separate bulleted lists for evaluation, one for evaluating current resources and one for evaluating items for purchases. However, since only one criteria would be different (cost per use vs. or projected cost per use), he simply noted the difference and kept the single bulleted list.

   After continued discussion about the statement about balance between the different subject areas, Jan suggested changing the wording to say that the collections are to be "inclusive" of the broad subject categories. This change was agreed upon by the committee. The committee also agreed to keep the bulleted list of categories, although the "Instructional Support" category will be changed to say "Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Support." At the end of the second paragraph, Steve will incorporate an edited version of Hunter's suggested sentence from the wiki: "The overall collection of resources ideally will reflect the best selection of resources leaving each individual campus better able to improve its balance among subjects."

   To bring LSO practices in line with the new policy, Terry suggested that in the future LSO will tie the pie chart that they produce each year showing database expenditures by subject to the new categories. She also discussed producing a separate pie chart showing the database breakdown by number of resources purchased in each subject area.

   Steve will make the suggested changes to the collection development policy and then send it out for review. After review, the committee will take a vote on whether to approve it by email.

2. Ebsco Offer

Terry reported that there is an offer on the table to MOBIUS from Ebsco for libraries subscribing to Academic Search Premier. In FY12, those libraries will be given an automatic upgrade to Academic Search Complete, plus six complimentary databases and Business Source Premier.

The complicating factor is that we do not know for sure what the costs will be to the campuses. Ebsco has stated that their offer is for the same pricing as FY11, but the price is dependent on the number of libraries participating in the MOBIUS offer. Also, it is possible that MOBIUS may consider a tiered FTE pricing model.

Terry suggests that we say we are interested but make clear that our level of interest is dependent on the price offered. Abbie will send out a list of titles in Academic Search Complete so we can do an overlap analysis to evaluate the product.

3. Next meeting

We will continue to review the MERLIN redesign options using the wiki and voting on the list. Unless some issue comes up that we need to meet about, our next meeting will be held the week of July 11th.

Meeting concluded at 10:30 a.m.