

MCDRSC Meeting Minutes May 20, 2009
Meeting conducted via Adobe Connect, 10am – 11:30am

Attendees:

UMSL: Chris Dames (Chair), Janis Peach, Tim Nelson, Lindsay Schmitz

MST: Maggie Trish

SLU: Georgia Baugh

MU: Judy Maseles, Mary Ryan, Hunter Kevil, Goodie Bhullar, Rhonda Whithaus, Sarah Cron (guest)

UMKC: Steve Alleman, Melissa Muth

LSO: Terry Austin, Abbie Brown, Susan McCormack

1. LSO Report

- a. Budget – No definitive news because the System has not filtered the budget down to the various campus/unit levels yet.

Projection – Terry said her projections for FY2010 look sufficient to retain what we have, plus or minus \$4k. If there are holdbacks for FY2010 the projection will not cover them. There will be no extra money for one time purchases or to cover inflation for FY2011, which could have a big impact on that year.

Vendor news – For this year LSO has asked each vendor to hold their increases to 0%. Thus far several vendors have chosen to work with LSO, including Elsevier and Wilson.

- b. Cut List – Terry said that for FY 2011 we will need to re-examine the list. Changes such as those to Nature Clinical Practice journals being merged into the Reviews product will affect the list. She is bidding Inspec and Compendex separately and together. They are September renewals. She mentioned that Inspec is developing their own interface but it is not really ready yet.
- c. Arts & Humanities Index – We are buying this per search. So far, with 9 months of usage, we have 2099 uses, for an average of 262 a month. We can choose to leave the money where it is, or take some out and use it elsewhere. Our original expenditure was \$15k. It was moved and voted to keep \$3500 in the per search fund and remove the rest to pay for other OCLC resources.
- d. MOREnet Award

MOREnet has awarded the state contract for information databases to Gale, which means that Academic Search Elite and Business Source Premier are no longer being provided by them. Our upgrade to Academic Search Premier is based on MOREnet's subscription to the Elite product.

Terry pointed out that a number of years ago the UM libraries moved from InfoTrac to EBSCO Academic Search Premier, and a similar uproar occurred.

The upshot for us is that EBSCO will downgrade our subscription to from Academic Search Premier to just Academic Search Elite from July 1 to September 1, as our contract for Premier goes two months past when MOREnet will drop Elite. After that we have neither. Terry stated that she would not in good conscience be able to provide a sole source justification for a competing general product, but could probably do so for Business Source Premier. However, we

might be able to subscribe to a general search product as local campuses. Both MU and UMSL commented that Business Source Premier was a necessary tool, and that Gales Business and Company Resource Center is not a sufficient replacement. Terry suggested we solicit the opinions of our librarians and teaching faculty in the areas of business to see what they have to say.

One concern is that without Academic Search Elite or Premier, some of the full text will not appear in other EBSCO databases that had a seamless connection to the full text in the ASE/ASP products. Terry states that in some cases, like CINAHL, this is true. We would need to do more research to see if it affects other databases we subscribe to. One concern was Communication and Mass Media Complete. Terry said we can do an overlap analysis to determine if that particular database might have this issue.

Terry suggested that our course of action should be to consult our business colleagues and to work with Elite for two months to see if it will meet our needs.

As a side note, all agreed that we were fine with the recent award of MLA.

2. Synonyms List – We had no volunteers to flesh out the list further, so it was proposed that for now we accept the list as is, and it was agreed by all.
3. New Chair & Membership Changes
 - a. Christopher Dames and Marilyn Rodgers from UMSL will be leaving this committee, and Tim Nelson and Lindsay Schmitz will be taking their places.
 - b. Missouri S&T will take over the role of chair.
 - c. Terry Austin led the group in a round of virtual applause for the job done by Chris this last year.
4. Notification Procedures for Additions/Changes to Electronic Purchases & Records

Steve Alleman from UMKC brought this up for discussion. As we do not all license through Terry, how can we best keep each other apprised of purchases so we can make the best use of money, etc? Terry mentioned that large purchases for multiple campuses achieve economy of scale that can be brokered by LSO. In the case of records, it is less the cost than the terms on the license that allow for use in a shared catalog. MU and UMKC agreed to notify others via the list when purchases are being considered.

5. MCO & General Unhappiness with their Service Lately

Judy Maseles from MU asked about the status of the implementation of the “my favorites” feature. Chris said he hasn’t heard back from MCO for 6 weeks, and will follow up. This elicited comments from many representatives that signaled a general unhappiness with the service provided by MCO. Chris offered to bring both the specific problem and the general concerns to the directors’ next meeting. If we have other specific complaints we can also forward those to Chris to have them addressed at the same time.

Meeting concluded at 11:15am.

Next up for Minutes: MU