

Minutes -- MCDRSC meeting February 13, 2012

Present: Terry Austin, Abbie Brown, & Susan McCormack, **LSO**; Sherry Mahnken & Maggie Trish, **MST**; Cindy Bassett, Diane Johnson, & Rhonda Whithaus (members) and Goodie Bhullar, Hunter Kevil, Judy Maseles, & Mary Ryan (observers), **MU**; Steve Alleman, **UMKC**; Tim Nelson, Jan Peach (recorder), and Frances Piesbergen, **UMSL**.

Due to the probable length of the meeting and need to keep to the Telepresence Room schedule, the Chair requested that only Committee and Task Force members join the discussions.

Reports from Task Forces

1. **Collection Development Policy:**
The Task Force compiled the Collection Development Policy and forwarded it to the Library Directors for approval. They requested that the Task Force submit a plan to break ties when the campuses cannot agree on addition or deletion of a resource. MCDRSC will discuss this today after the report from the Task Force on the Collection Development mathematical tool.
2. **UM Library Depository:**
The Task Force is reconsidering the shared/exempt status of items in the UMLD. A revised draft will be submitted in a few weeks.
3. **Collection Development Tool:**
A mathematical model was proposed, considering variables such as number of students, faculty, graduate vs. undergraduate degrees, etc. After much discussion, it was determined that decisions on the variables to use and the weight for each could not be decided on in time for use in the upcoming cuts. The Task Force will continue working on the Collection Development decision model for future use.

LSO report:

1. **Budget uncertainty and potential cut lists:**
LSO has no definitive information on budget cuts at this time. MCDRSC has been given the figure of \$250,000 to cut, as approximately 10% of the database budget. LSO needs to justify funds in April prior to final budgets in May, so the cuts need to be decided on by the end of March.
2. **Update on Discovery Task Force:**
Answers are due back from the companies 2/14: the Task force will be given the replies and each campus will develop its own "decision matrix". The Task Force will send the combined Decision Matrix with recommendations to the Directors by February 29th. The Directors have also charged the Task Force to investigate emerging trends in ILS and prepare a report by this summer.
3. **Statistics and Trends: problems and other issues**

Susan has been working to analyze trends in our statistics, rather than looking at each year's statistics singly. Abbie produced bar graphs with subject breakouts. There are problems with reporting variations between campuses in several resources; if all 4 campuses used Summon, the search statistics would be reported through the Discovery Tool more consistently.

Discussion of Methodology for Cut List

There are no longer any "easy cuts" on which all 4 campuses can agree. The method we have been using of each campus preparing a cut list which are then compiled by rank for MCDRSC vote has resulted in cases of 2-2 ties. In the past, each campus was able to keep their top 2 resources: the budget may not allow this now.

The committee discussed compiling "core lists" as well as "cut lists", but it was decided we did not have enough time to prepare both. Since the cuts needed to be turned in to LSO soon, the campuses will prepare only cut lists. Various methods of preparing the cut lists and making decisions were discussed. Terry will get individual campus pricing for several resources that were on last year's list (Lexis Academic, Wall Street Journal). MCDRSC decided to prepare cuts lists totaling \$350,000 in order to avoid having to reconsider the total list in the case of several expensive databases being vetoed .

A proposal was made "Do we want each campus to be able to use a veto to save one cut resource? (method of veto to be decided later)" Votes were 3 for, 1 against. The proposal to allow each campus to veto one resource proposed for cut carried.

Several proposals were offered on the method of preparing the cut lists and voting, including the possible vetoes. We agreed to adopt MU's proposal:

- Each campus prepares a ranked list of resources to cut, totaling at least \$350,000
- LSO will compile the campus lists into a final cut list; MCDRSC will meet to vote on these
- Resources with 3 or more votes will automatically be cut
- Resources with 2 or fewer votes will be moved to another list, and will be discussed. Each campus could use one veto to remove a resource from the second list after the discussion is completed.

The campus cut lists are due to Terry and Abbie at LSO by March 14th.

The next MCDRSC meeting is March 20, 2012; 9:30-Noon via Telepresence.