SWAN Coordinators meeting June 20, 2002

Present: David Adams, SMSU
     Victoria Johnson, Drury
     Mary Largent, Crowder
     Corky McCormack, OTC
     Wendy McGrane, MSSC
     Coleen Rose, SBU
     Barbara Schade, Crowder
     Sarah Wiggins, Cottey

SWAN PIN requirement. It was asked if we still want to require a PIN when placing a request within SWAN. The PIN is required as part of "view your own record" and thus when placing a request. Requiring the PIN prevents another person from seeing a patron's charges should the patron's ID be known. It is possible to place requests at the MOBIUS level without a PIN but the MOBIUS catalog does not have a patron's charge records. David thought that at one time there was discussion about requiring a PIN at the MOBIUS level if that feature was available. It was agreed that the PIN should be retained.

Display of title in call number searches; continuation from last meeting. Wendy has talked to Cathy Stubbs about displaying the item title in the brief display when doing a call number search. Cathy said there is a WWWOption that controls this display and she created an example for us to look at. The example was on different that the current SWAN display. The group then looked at the BRIDGES catalog which does display the title when doing a call number search. Wendy will request that the brief display for a call number search in SWAN be configured like the BRIDGES catalog.

There was a brief discussion of NETLibrary and those items display in the catalog.

Victoria described a PERL script that she has obtained to display serial titles indexed in databases. Drury is looking at using this script to replace their Serials Solutions subscription.

Wording in search limit option. The General Material Description (GMD) for "computer file" has been changed to "electronic resource". It was agreed to change the wording in the format search limit dropdown box and to move it up in the list. It will be placed just under "book/journal".

Keyword searching configuration in a scoped page. Last year there was a known problem with keyword searching in a scoped page. OR searches were not being limited to the scope selected. At the September, 2001 Coordinator's meeting it was agreed that the configuration option for this should be changed from 3 to 1 to not perform the OR searches. This would prevent erroneous results in the OR search. This problem has been corrected in the latest software release. After some discussion it was decided to leave the

configuration as-is since OR searches with common words results in lots of hits that can be confusing to patrons.

Earlier in an e-mail discussion Corky volunteered to be the SWAN representative to the Coordinator's Advisory Committee. Wendy suggested that we should have an alternate. David volunteered to be the alternate.

While checking the changes to the keyword searching it was noted that the catalog times out quickly. Wendy will look at the timeout and verify that it was changed to ten minutes as agreed at a previous meeting.

At a previous meeting it was decided to adjust the size of the frames in "view your own record" to allow easier viewing of the information in the lower frame. This change does not display much of the upper frame information. Wendy will check into the possible elimination of the frames. If that is not possible they will be set back to their original sizes.

Victoria updated the group on statistics processing techniques she is using at Drury. The basic process is to use create list to gather all item records. These are then sent to a file using the III FTS function. The file is imported into Microsoft Access. Filters are used to determine the number of bibs and to remove duplicate call numbers. The records can then be filtered or sorted on any filed within Access to gather statistics.

Colleen will contact the MCO helpdesk about getting access to the Known Issues section of CSDirect. At one time this was available but now appears inaccessible from our login.

It was reported that MCO will stop Table of Contents (TOC) enhancement of records due to costs and the tight budget for FY03.

The next meeting will be September 13 at 10:00am at SBU