MOBIUS POLICY ON ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

Academic institutions wishing to be admitted to MOBIUS must sign a letter of intent directed to the Executive Director of MOBIUS. The application is reviewed by the MOBIUS Executive Committee and submitted to the MOBIUS Council for consideration of membership. If an institution's application for membership is approved by the MOBIUS Council, implementation of the institution in the Common Library Platform will be scheduled in consultation with that institution.

Institutions accepted for MOBIUS membership are responsible for the direct costs associated with their addition to the consortium, including III costs and data conversion costs. Current estimates for these costs will be determined by the MOBIUS Consortium Office. Costs within the institution for desktop computer upgrades, network implementation and upgrades, barcoding, and retrospective conversion are the responsibility of the institution.

An additional one-time fee will be assessed each new member to cover indirect costs associated with incorporating the institution into the Common Library Platform such as training time and other services provided by the MOBIUS Consortium Office.

Each new member accepted must also meet normal membership expectations as outlined in other MOBIUS documents. Examples of these expectations include adherence to cataloging standards, maintaining library collections, contributing to the growth of the shared resources within the consortium, providing authority control for cataloging records, and complying with all policies and procedures applicable to consortium members.

Cluster affiliations for participation in MOBIUS will be recommended to the MOBIUS Council by Executive Committee with advice/guidance of the member representatives of affected clusters. Issues considered would include size of the cluster, geographic locations, and missions of institutions.

The annual membership fee during the first year of membership will be prorated based on the month the membership becomes active.

Other categories of membership in the MOBIUS Consortium are Cooperating Partners and MOBIUS Affiliates outlined elsewhere.

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