MOBIUS COUNCIL

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1 ☐ **MOBIUS Task Force on Cooperative Collection Development**

Phase One: Identifying the Issues

2 ☐ **Collection Development Task Force**

- **Appointed in Fall 2002**
- **At least one member from each cluster**

- **Charged by the Executive Committee**
  - **to investigate management issues associated with cooperative collection development in MOBIUS (Phase I)**
  - **to develop a plan for implementing cooperative collection development activities in MOBIUS (Phase II)**

3 ☐ **The Process**

- **Face-to-face, conference calls, chat and teleconferenced meetings**
- **Research on existing consortia doing cooperative collection development/management**
- **Aberdeen Woods Conference sponsored by ARL/CRL; ACRL pre-conference April 9**
- **General brainstorming of management issues for MOBIUS**

4 ☐ **Looking at MOBIUS**

- Member collections
  - **Survey planned**
- Using our own statistics
  - **Circ statistics, SCAT tables, Create List**
  - **ILL statistics**
- Considering our own priorities
  - **20% of any collection gets 80% of use**

5 ☐ **Issues in five categories**

- Formation of cooperatives; missions and agreements
- Decision-making, organization and administration
- Funding and infrastructure
- Institution specific
- Project specific

6 ☐ **Formation, mission, agreements**

- Levels of participation
- Responsibilities
- Financial commitment
- Assessment
- Termination of agreements
- Legal issues

7 ☐ **Decision-making, organization, authority**

- **Who has the authority to initiate, plan and evaluate projects? How are these things done?**

- **What criteria will be used to evaluate projects?**
- **What elements are required in any project plan or proposal?**

8 ☐ **Decision-making, organization, authority**

- **How are decisions communicated, reported and publicized?**
- **How do collection development efforts fit in the existing MOBIUS structure**
- **What are the roles of MCO, clusters, and institutions' staff?**

9 ☐ **Funding and infrastructure**

- **"There's no fun in funding anymore."**
- **Sources for funding**
- **Fund accounting**
- **Financial benefits**

10 ☐ **Funding and infrastructure**

- **Cost analysis: delivery, added labor, equipment, additional storage and workspace, preservation or replacement of more heavily used material.**
- **More cost efficiency but no cost reduction overall**

11 ☐ **Local institution issues**

- Individual institutional needs MUST continue to be met according to mission of each participant
- Roles of selectors across institutions must be clear
- Staff time and loyalties must be considered
- Trust among institutions must exist

12 ☐ **The Matrix**

- Different agreements to address different needs, one template
- Separate agreements by type of library and/or by subject one possible approach
  - **Aviation (4-year, 2-year and doctoral)**
  - **Theological history (seminary, doctoral, 4-yr.)**
  - **Medical school libraries**

13 ☐ **Specific project issues**

- **Joint purchases of online resources**
- **Last copy retention plans**
- **Shared storage facilities**
- **Rotating collections**
- **Complementary approval plan profiling with vendors**
- **Digitization**
- **Joint grant applications**

14 ☐ **And more issues**

- **Numbers for publicity and status versus need and usage**
- **Explaining access versus ownership**
- **Different ways to count and catalog**

- **Different perceptions of quality**
- **Accreditation demands by discipline**
- **Individual scholars and promises made**
- **Convenience, cost, and cooperation in balance**

15 ## Next steps

- **MOBIUS Executive Committee has accepted the first part of the report, on management issues**
- **Task Force will continue to meet to develop agreement templates and outline possible projects (will post final versions to MCO website)**

16 ## Next steps

- **Standing committee on cooperative collection development to be added to MOBIUS structure**
- **Need to address membership changes; a large public library system coming in**
- **Final report due in August 03**

17 ## Resources

- MOBIUS and MCO
  mco.mobius.missouri.edu
- Center for Research Libraries
  www.crl.edu
  Aberdeen Woods reports, Collection Assessment report, etc.

18 ## Phase Two: Implementation

- Standing committee: MCMAC
- Charged with
  - **Surveying MOBIUS collection and members**
  - **Seeking funding and projects**
  - **Evaluating proposed projects**
  - **Monitoring national trends in the area**
  - **Communicating information on plans and opportunities**

19 ## Standard process

- Draft proposal form for projects
- Template for agreements needed
- Any member can propose
- MCMAC will also suggest proposals to members
- MCMAC will evaluate proposals, make comments and approve or not
- Only approved projects posted at MCO

20 ## Initial Assessment of Collections

- Inquiries being made for possible grant funding
- Standard SCAT for all clusters possible

- OCLC ACAS more detailed
- Survey of interest among members
- Joint analysis of serials holdings
- Meetings of selectors

21 ❑ **Education of Stakeholders**

- Regular library communication channels
- MOBIUS, State Library, MLNC newsletters and announcements
- More needed for non-library faculty and administrators
- Need to work with MCO on general MOBIUS educational message
- Specifics for participants a MCMAC charge

22 ❑ **Possible early projects**

- Cooperative approval plan profiling for monographs in selected areas
- Shared approval vendor, state-selected
- Shared storage facilities
- Joint digitization grants
- Coordinated approach to maintaining serials subscriptions and backfiles across the state

23 ❑ **MCMAC formed**

- First meeting set for December 2003
- Members responsible for communication with own clusters
- Probable first actions the assessment of collections and survey of members on existing projects and desired projects

Respectfully Submitted,

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