MERAC Report
MOBIUS Council Meeting – January 28, 2005
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Meetings have been via videoconference, which has worked out well, saving members the time and cost of traveling to Columbia.

The MAROON database was redesigned with the help of the MOBIUS programmers. MAROON is a listing of MOBIUS members' electronic databases with contact information, which is helpful for those planning a new database purchase or for MERAC when formulating new database offers.

MERAC conducted a Database Survey of MOBIUS members regarding new selections for the Cafeteria Plan. Databases were ranked in order of preference with Sage Full Text Collections, EBSCO Communications & Mass Media Complete, and Gale Opposing Viewpoints receiving the greatest number of votes. Sage Full Text Collections, receiving the most votes, will be the Database Cafeteria offer for FY06. Both Communication & Mass Media Complete and Opposing Viewpoints are being offered on the Vendor Direct Program.

The survey also contained a question on State funding. Web of Science, Biosis and BioOne were selected in that order as databases for possible state funding in FY07. Federated searching and open urls were also discussed as possibilities for State funding. MERAC's final recommendation for state funding will be made this spring.