November 28, 2007

TO: Julia Schneider, Chair, MOBIUS Executive Committee
FROM: Erlene Dudley, Chair, MOBIUS 2010 Budget Committee
RE: Committee Meeting Minutes (9 Nov 07) and Recommendations

The MOBIUS 2010 Budget Committee met at the MOBIUS Consortium Office at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 9, 2007. The following members were present: Richard Coughlin (Truman State University), Hugh Stocks (William Jewell College), and Erlene Dudley (William Woods University); also present were Beth Fisher (MOBIUS Consortium Office) and Margaret Conroy (Missouri State Library).

The committee reviewed the suggestions from the MOBIUS Council members gathered by Beth Fisher at the 7Sep07 Council meeting in Columbia (page 2). The following constraints were recognized as being problematic for many of the suggestions as candidates for a 2010 budget request from MOBIUS to the state legislature:

- The preliminary status of the current MOBIUS strategic planning effort
- The short preparation time available (the deadline for the 2010 budget request is Mar 2008)
- The III software needed to link different systems is not yet available and there are questions if it will actually do what we need it to do when it is available

We also discussed the current situation with the 2009 budget request and the fact that the requests to the state legislature for any windfall funding will far exceed the funds available.

The committee agreed on the following:

- It would be better to make no request to the state legislature from MOBIUS for fiscal year 2010 than to make a weak request
- It would be better to wait until the results of the MOBIUS strategic planning process were more developed before submitting another budget request from MOBIUS to the state legislature
- Request that Margaret Conroy investigate the possibility of a partnership between the Missouri State Library, using LSTA funds, and a private funding source, such as the Kauffman Foundation, to hire a consultant to make recommendations for the expansion of MOBIUS for public, and possibly school, library membership and to develop a strong legislative budget request.

Therefore, the 2010 Budget Committee makes the following recommendations to the MOBIUS Executive Council:

1. Forgo a request from MOBIUS to the Missouri State Legislature for fiscal year 2010.
2. Base the next budget request from MOBIUS to the state legislature on the results of the MOBIUS Strategic Planning Committee.
3. Proceed with the investigation of developing a partnership between the Missouri State Library and a private funding source to hire a consultant to make recommendations for the expansion of MOBIUS for public, and possibly school, library membership and to develop a strong legislative budget request.

Summary Results From MOBIUS Council
September 7th, 2007 Meeting
to the Question:

"We are now looking at FY2010. What are the interest and/or needs for your institution? Think BIG."

1) Joint storage space for MOBIUS members – last copy repository
2) Digital resources - online access, preservation, storage & retrieval; interface w/ Naxos, Digital Video
   a. Theses and dissertations
   b. Special projects
3) Expand delivery system to include schools
4) Collaborative/cooperative collection analysis and management of print materials
5) More staff for Help Desk
6) Next generation ILS
7) Funding for DCB for public library participation in MOBIUS
8) Web expertise/programmers
9) Federated search engine
10) Offer III software to all libraries
11) New technology; e.g., RFID
12) Information Literacy Initiative (i.e. TILT) online
13) Life science statewide research support; i.e., BIOSIS, BioOne
14) Amazoogle
15) MOBIUS accessibility issues
16) State funding for more electronic resources