MOBIUS LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

SURVEY OF MEMBER IDEAS

September-October 2000

The MOBIUS Long Range Planning Committee scheduled a retreat for October 25-26, 2000, at Cedar Creek Conference Center in New Haven, Missouri. In preparation for that meeting the committee conducted a survey of all staff at member libraries to get their input regarding future directions for MOBIUS and projects and services which were deemed desirable and important.

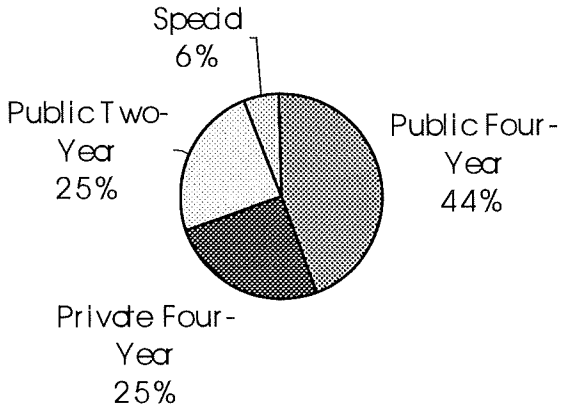
One hundred twenty staff from the 49 member libraries responded. The survey consisted of eight queries. On a five-point scale ranging from "Not Important" to "Critical," respondents were asked to express how vital each undertaking was for both MOBIUS and for their own institution. An open-ended question also provided the opportunity for respondents to suggest other projects or services not addressed elsewhere. [See Appendix C for full survey.]

DEMOGRAPHICS

Each respondent was asked to identify the type of institution with which they were affiliated.

TYPE	Number of Surveys Returned	Number of Institutions In MOBIUS	Average Responses per Institution Type
Public Four-Year	53	13	4.08
Private Four-Year	30	20	1.50
Public Two-Year	30	11	2.73
Special	7	5	1.40
TOTAL	120	49	2.45

Respondents by Institution Type

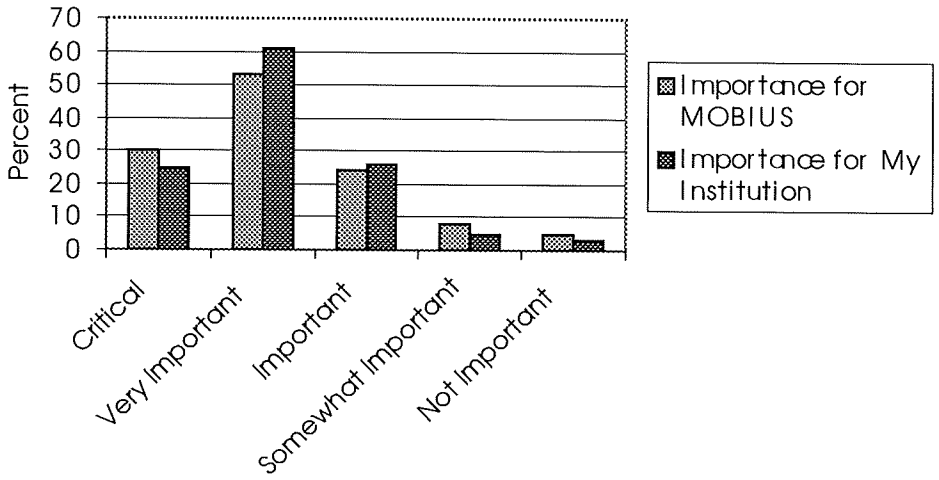


SURVEY QUERIES

Respondents were asked to "Please score each of the following ideas in terms of its importance to MOBIUS and its importance to your institution by selecting the appropriate value from the drop down box." Responses to each of the eight queries were as follows:

CONSORTIUM LICENSING OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION RESOURCES

	Critical	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total
Importance for MOBIUS	30	53	24	8	5	120
Importance for My Institution	25	61	26	5	3	120



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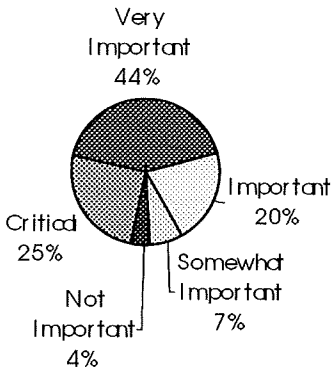

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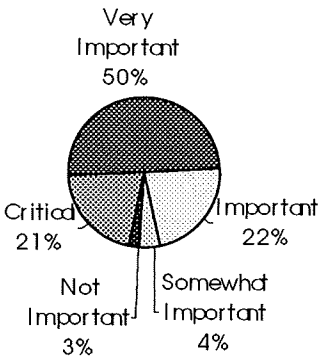

SHARED STORAGE FACILITY

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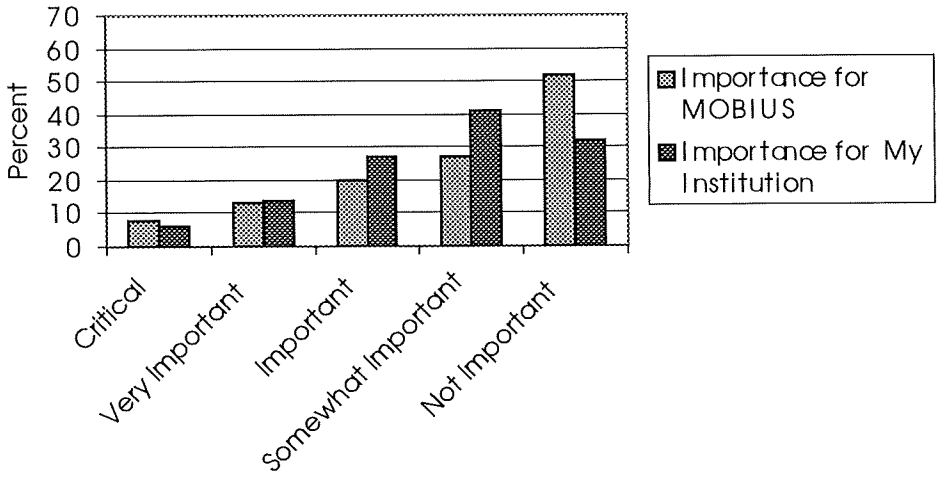
Importance for MOBIUS	8	13	20	27	52	120
Importance for My Institution	6	14	27	41	32	120



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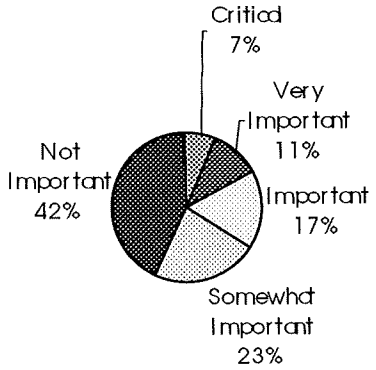

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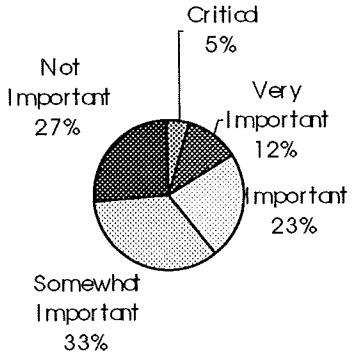

COOPERATIVE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

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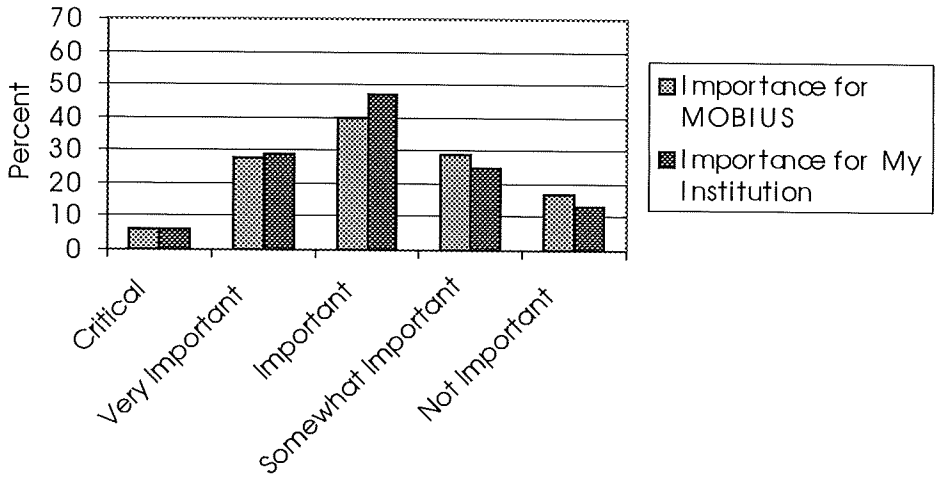
Importance for My Institution	6	29	47	25	13	120



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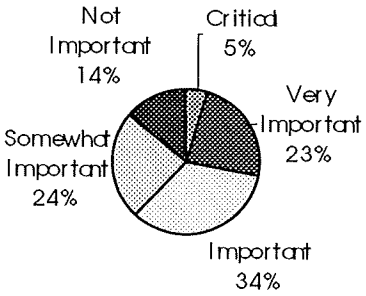

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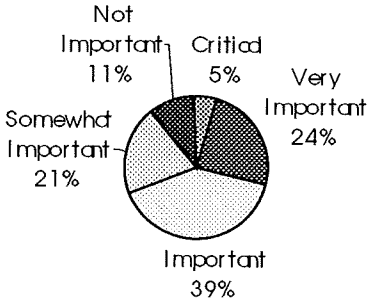

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LIBRARY STAFF

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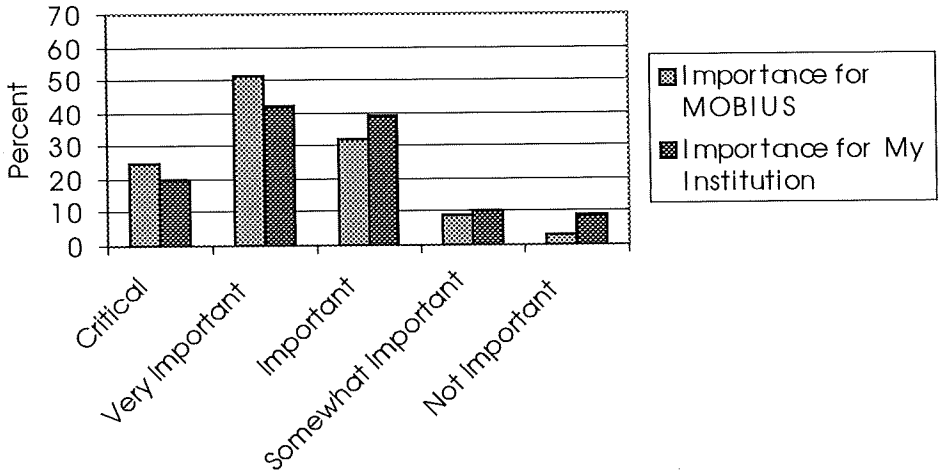
Importance for MOBIUS	25	51	32	9	3	120
Importance for My Institution	20	42	39	10	9	120



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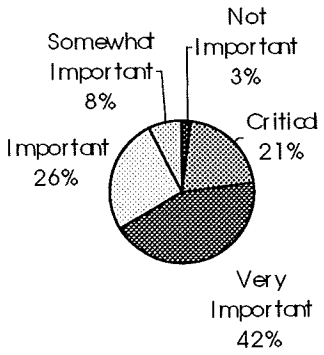

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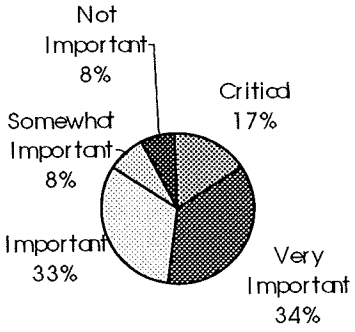

LIBRARY SUPPORT FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION

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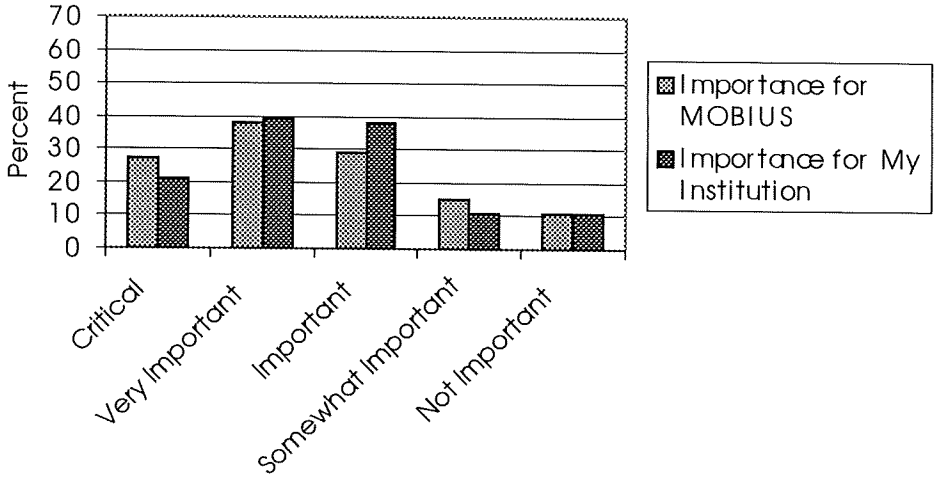
Importance for MOBIUS	27	38	29	15	11	120
Importance for My Institution	21	39	38	11	11	120



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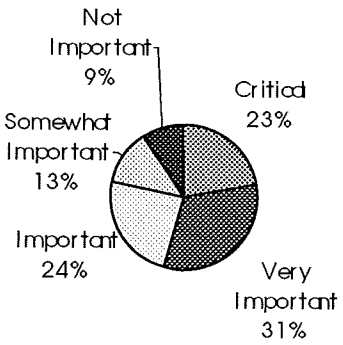

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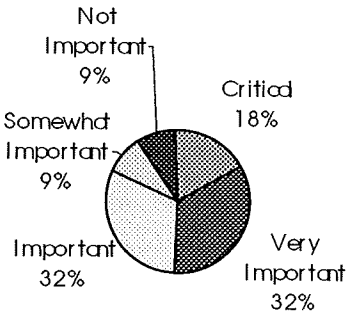

SURVEYING, DATA GATHERING AND REPORTING

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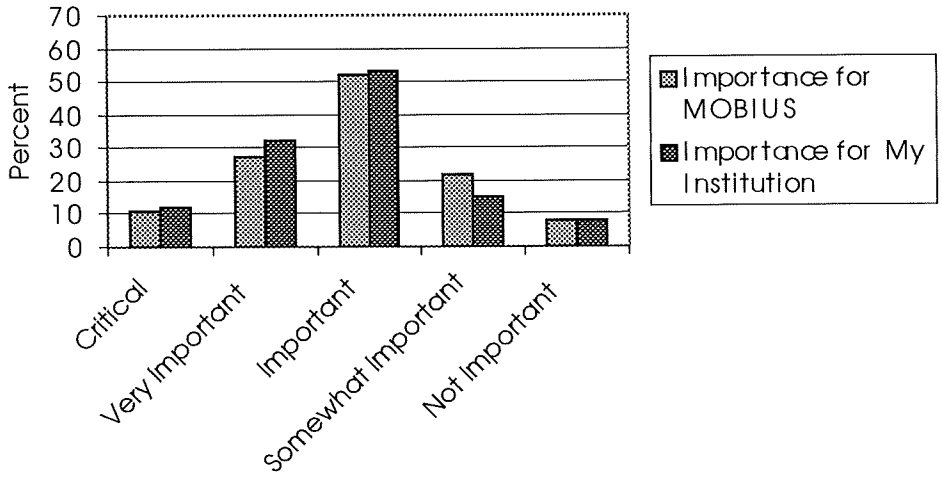
Importance for MOBIUS	11	27	52	22	8	120
Importance for My Institution	12	32	53	15	8	120



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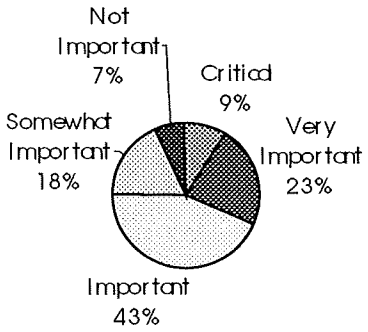

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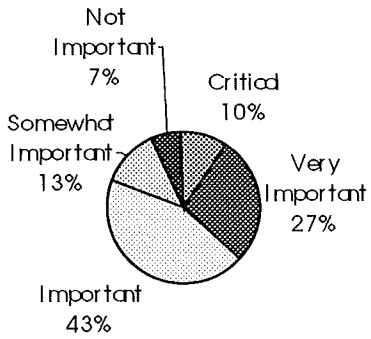

SHARED CATALOGING SERVICES

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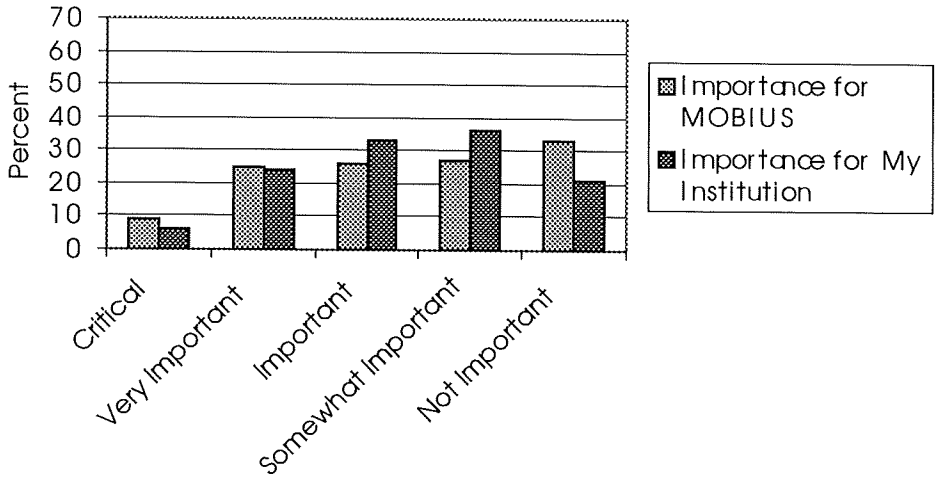
Importance for MOBIUS	9	25	26	27	33	120
Importance for My Institution	6	24	33	36	21	120



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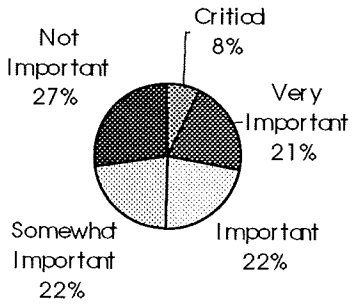

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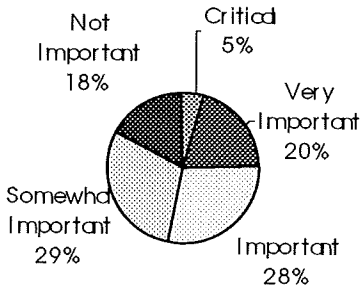

EXPANSION OF MOBIUS MEMBERSHIP BEYOND HIGHER EDUCATION

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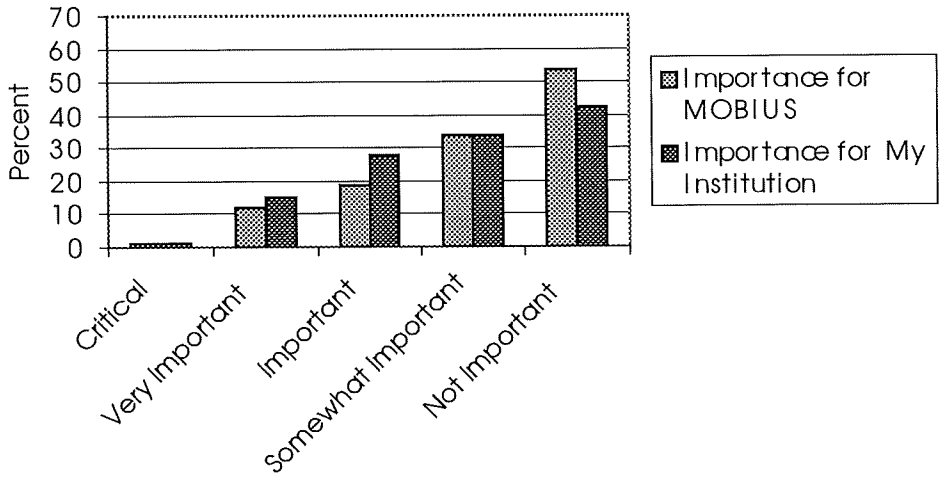
Importance for MOBIUS	1	12	19	34	54	120
Importance for My Institution	1	15	28	34	42	120



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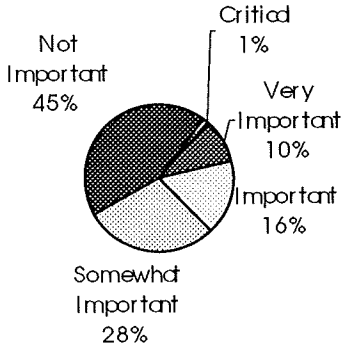

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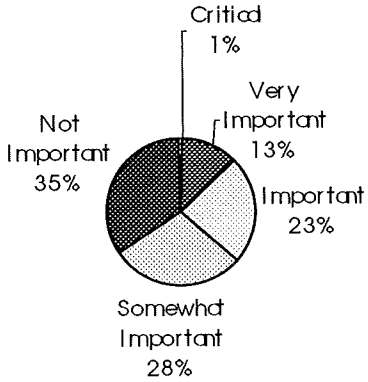
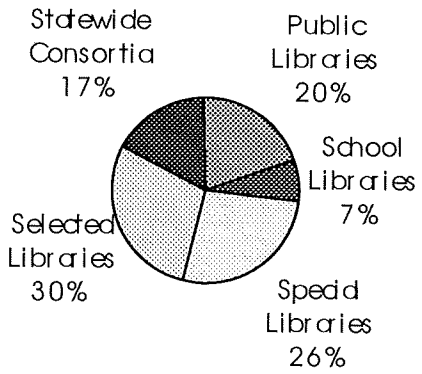


MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF LIBRARIES

Of those respondents who indicated new members were "Somewhat Important" to "Critical," the following were the types of libraries they identified for potential membership:

Public Libraries	School Libraries	Special Libraries	Selected Libraries	Statewide Consortia
37	13	48	54	32



EXPANDED MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAMS ENVISIONED

In a textbox, respondents were asked to specify the types of programs, i.e., resource sharing, licensing, shared storage facility, cooperative collection development, etc., they envision for each library group to which they felt membership ought to be extended. Those comments are attached in Appendix A; included with each comment are the library types that respondent supported for membership.

Specific libraries or library types mentioned in the comments as potential MOBIUS members were:

Library Types Suggested

Technical schools
Corporate libraries
Teaching hospitals
Medical research centers
State government
Corporate libraries

Specific Libraries Named

Kansas City Public Library
Linda Hall
Supreme Court Library
Missouri Historical Society
Missouri Botanical Gardens

NEW SUGGESTIONS FOR POTENTIAL MOBIUS PROJECTS:

Respondents were given the opportunity to make additional suggestions for future MOBIUS undertakings. In addition to the projects and services specified in the survey, the respondents suggested a number of new ideas: (The following comments were edited for the sake of brevity. See Appendix B for the complete text of all comments, including those not summarize here because they addressed one of the eight survey questions.)

Establish relationships with other state or regional consortia; / Collaborate across state boundaries;
Be close partners with OCLC, MLNC and et al; / Work together with MLNC and Morenet identify the appropriate areas each group should be involved in;
Establish statewide clearinghouse for digitization projects; / Shared digitization of highly used materials; / Develop interface for digital presentation of archival materials
Establish a grant program with state funds for projects of benefit to academic community, i.e., to develop scholar's desktop—with versions unique to specific disciplines;
Establish a web-based "library" for a growing number of distance learners with a centralized ILL;
Add teaching hospitals and medical research centers in a special category for access to certain electronic resources; / Add access for state government;/ State Library needs to join MOBIUS and give legislators and government officials borrowing privileges;
Broaden the political base of MOBIUS to ensure continuing legislative interest;
Support a strong statewide wed-based MLS so we may "grow our own" information services providers;
Foster communication, cohesiveness and exchange of ideas among members through quarterly meetings; / Provide for continual, efficient "resource sharing" for tips to using newinformation resources in whatever format; / Have semi-annual user group meetings or at least publicize the annual meeting better;
Expand MCO staff to provide more help for library staff in areas of support and training;
Shared ebook collections;
Shared long-distance reference service;
Appoint or hire someone to be in charge of the union database to avoid duplication of records;
Serve as a catalyst to encourage public libraries, special libraries, etc. to enter into consortial arrangement. Then maybe we could affiliate; / Foster type-of-library cooperation;
Continue to modify and fine tune Host Institutional Agreement between CBHE, Mobius and UM;
Separate MOBIUS from the University of Missouri system;
Absolute, total, and complete demand for a strong central authority;
Implement "authorities."
Establish some sort of statewide library card and user database that recognizes many users/students access more than one collection regularly;
Foster a "pro"bono" attitude rather than a "collect fines and restrict use" mentality;
Have a 3-year analysis of data to show strength and weakness, and develop a plan for improving the latter;
Expand sharing to include other material formats (video, audio, etc.);
Cooperative selection and cataloging or indexing of quality Internet resources;
Facilitate consortial purchasing of computer equipment to generate larger discounts;
Negotiate with a vendor for shared cataloging of US government publications and internet resources;
Develop a more streamlined system of delivery;
Establish enhancements committee to work with III.

SUMMARY

The following two tables report, as a percent of the total responses, the replies to the queries about the importance of the eight potential MOBIUS activities. Those activities are listed in descending order of their importance to the membership.

Importance for MOBIUS

	Critical	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Consortium Licensing of Electronic Resources	25%	44%	20%	7%	4%
Continuing Education for Library Staff	21%	42%	26%	8%	3%
Library Support for Distance Education	23%	31%	24%	13%	9%
Surveying, Data Gathering and Reporting	9%	23%	43%	18%	7%
Shared Cataloging Services	8%	21%	22%	22%	27%
Cooperative Collection Development	5%	23%	34%	24%	14%
Shared Storage Facility	7%	11%	17%	23%	42%
Expansion of MOBIUS Membership beyond Higher Education	1%	10%	16%	28%	45%

Importance for My Institution

	Critical	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Consortium Licensing of Electronic Resources	21%	50%	22%	4%	3%
Continuing Education for Library Staff	17%	34%	33%	8%	8%
Library Support for Distance Education	18%	32%	32%	9%	9%
Surveying, Data Gathering and Reporting	10%	27%	43%	18%	7%
Shared Cataloging Services	5%	20%	28%	29%	18%
Cooperative Collection Development	5%	24%	39%	21%	11%
Shared Storage Facility	5%	12%	23%	33%	27%
Expansion of MOBIUS Membership beyond Higher Education	1%	13%	23%	28%	35%

APPENDIX A

The following comments were made in response to the request, "If you selected one or more types of libraries to be incorporated into MOBIUS, please indicate briefly in the following text box which types of programs you envision for the types you selected. For example, if you feel that special libraries should be included in the Common Library Platform and public libraries should be included only for licensing of electronic resources, please use the text box to explain these thoughts. Examples of programs are resources sharing, licensing, shared storage facility, cooperative collection development." Along with each comment are the library types that respondent supported for membership and the type of library with which the respondent is affiliated.

Respondent Affiliation	Supported Membership For	Comments
2 Year Public 1	Special State Selected	I think the statewide focus should be on including any library into the MOBIUS system that could expand or help develop adult education. I believe distance education and electronic resources are areas where the public will want to go in the future and they are important in that they support library activity. All libraries should work closely together and move toward becoming a 'single library service' for the state. Special collections and state libraries should be included because of the valuable information that they specialize in. If you can go into any library in the state and ask for material and get it from any other library in the state, without problem from the loan library, then MOBIUS has achieved success.
4 Year Public 3	Selected	Would enhance resource sharing and cooperative collection development. I would also be interested in exploring a connection with public libraries, but I believe more information is needed before a decision could be made about expanding membership to them.
4 Year Public 10	Public Special State Selected	All services
4 Year Private 11	Special Selected	I believe you should consider Technical schools and corporate libraries for addition. They have unique collections of materials. Many of which are unavailable from any other library in the state.
4Year Private 12	Public Special State Selected	Inclusion in MOBIUS of other non-academic libraries should be limited to those whose collections add value to the resource sharing base and who are willing to lend from their collections. This is certainly not limited by library type. For example, there are special libraries in Missouri whose collections are certainly scholarly in nature but who will not loan any materials. There are also public libraries which have collections which contain materials of use to scholars, i.e. KCPL.
4 Year Private 13	Public Special State Selected	Resource sharing, licensing, collection dev.
4 Year Public 17	Special Select	Common Library Platform resource sharing and licensing

Respondent Affiliation	Supported Membership For	Comments
4 Year Public 19	Special Selected	Licensing access for all K-12 for all electronic resources is wasteful. Selected, appropriate resources provided by MOREnet makes more sense, perhaps in a pay-as-used "basic cable" type of service. Traditional ILL can serve the needs of public libraries, so, as long as needs are met through services, I see little purpose to diluting the focus of our original design by adding numbers of libraries. At what point does the delivery system become so unwieldly as to bring us to a halt? What taxpayer access is needed? I think one of our chartering principles was that every library in the consortium would have or develop resources to share, keeping their collections vital. To that end, libraries with something to "add" to the mix would be all right.
4 Year Private 20	Public	Large public libraries would have unique titles that would be an asset for students, faculty and educators across the state. Thus, they should be included on the Common Library Platform. Of course, it may be that smaller public libraries, particular small county libraries would benefit more from having access to other collections than they might possibly return, in terms of unique items, to a state consortium. Nevertheless, the increased availability of resources to folks out in the mostly rural counties would benefit the people of the state overall.
2 Year Public 21	Public State	Public Libraries because of their variety of data-bases, audio and visual book collection. All State Libraries listed in our Consortia, brings many valuable resources to our students, as they continue their education.
4 Year Public 22	Select	Resource sharing, licensing, cooperative collection of special libraries would benefit patrons of academic libraries in doing research on specific subjects.
4 Year Private 24		Public libraries and K-12 should not be part of MOBIUS.
2 Year Public 25	Special	I think it is important for MOBIUS to consider including all institutions that have an educational and/or research emphasis in the consortium. This includes museum, research facility, medical and other private or public institution libraries. If membership in MOBIUS is limited to academic libraries only, it will not utilize all of the educational resources the state of Missouri has to offer.
2 Year Public 26	Public Special State Selected	Resource sharing, licensing, and cooperative collection development are programs I would like to see incoporated.
2 Year Public 27	Public Special School State Selected	If the effort is made to combine libraries—then all libraries, regardless of their patron base or collections, should be included.
2 Year Public 29	Public Special State Selected	special libraries: common library platform; resource sharing public libraries: resource sharing, licensing, cooperative collection development, possibly shared storage facility state consortia & selected libraries based on collections: resource sharing

Respondent Affiliation	Supported Membership For	Comments
4 Year Public 31	Public Special Selected	Large public library collections are important and Special Library Resources--collection development and resource sharing for both.
Special 32	Public Special Selected	Public libraries only for licensing of electronic resources; Special libraries and Selected libraries based on collections should be in the the CLP; their inclusion would strengthen the holdings of the MOBUS union catalog in specialized areas that are now more difficult to access but highly useful to the academic community. The higher visibility of these collections would enhance the quality of higher education in Missouri.
4 Year Public 33	School	I think it would be an excellent resource for the public/private schools. Since the "computer-era" has begun, it would be best to get as much information electronically out to kids as soon as possible. It'll also put a jump on the competition.
4 Year Private 35	Public State Selected	Having shared a catalog with a public library (KCPL) we have found it very useful in terms of access to materials they collect that we don't. I think relationships between state consortia offer wonderful possibilities for licensing and sharing resources. I also think libraries with especially strong science or art collections might be a good complement to MOBIUS.
4 Year Private 36	Selected	Special Collections libraries at smaller institutions have manuscript/archival holdings that ought to be cataloged and presented through MOBIUS.
Special 38	Selected	All types of libraries should be eligible for consideration based on their ability to enhance the mission of libraries serving higher education. If non-academic libraries have collections of significant interest to higher education, are willing to serve our mission, and cause no degradation whatever (e.g. to catalog quality or courier service), then admit them by 2/3 majority vote of the Council.
4 Year Private 39	Selected	Libraries with special research collections should be included in the Common Library Platform if they are willing to circulate these materials. Non-academic libraries could be included in licensing of electronic resources if it would be economically beneficial for all the libraries.
Special 40	Selected	Some libraries have collections that merit inclusion (e.g., Linda Hall). However, loss of materials and increased workload could become a large problem. If we increase the membership to include more of the general public (i.e., public libraries), we should seek significantly more funding from the state to cover the costs to academic institutions.
2 Year Public 42	Selected	I do not think full membership should be extended to other types of libraries. We could consider affiliated libraries based on individual collections and lending policies. We are doing a great job as a consortium and, yet, we have years of work ahead of us adding the remaining libraries to Innopac and INNReach. We have the coordination of databases and other needs as will be determined by you. We are already diverse with 2 and 4 year, private and public. There is a great deal of good to be said for staying true to our cause and serving the academic community (including the legislature) in Missouri. This will allow us to improve service to students and it will allow us to continue our own governance. I would not like us to follow in MOREnet's footsteps where the academic community (i.e. MERC) has become such a small piece of the consortium and has lost greatly in governance.

Respondent Affiliation	Supported Membership For	Comments
4 Year Public 43		I am unfamiliar with the advantages and disadvantages of adding potential new membership categories into MOBIUS. I have no background upon which to base an opinion.
4 Year Private 44	Selected	selected libraries, such as public, special, and even high school (public) libraries, could be considered for inclusion based on their collections' complementarity to Mobius generally
2 Year Public 46	Public Special School Selected	We should follow the Illinois model of multitype cooperation.
4 Year Private 49	Public Special Selected	Having been in a multi-type consortia, I think the benefits of direct access to the materials in non-academic collections is a real plus. A specific example for the future is Linda Hall Library and the special collections in Jefferson City--Supreme Court Library, Missouri Historical Society, etc.
4 Year Public 52	Special	Envision resource sharing and cooperative collection development.
2 Year Public 54	Public Special	Public Libraries: Inclusion of public libraries would facilitate sharing of resources within our smaller community (West Plains, MO). Our public library offers some services to SMSU-WP students, and we also serve the information needs of the community with circulating books and reference service. Special Libraries: These libraries would offer unique research and industry holdings for sharing with educational programs.
4 Year Public 55	Public State	Need major public libraries for their collections (resource sharing). Need state consortia for licensing of databases.
4 Year Private 56		Unsure about incorporating more libraries into MOBIUS. Feel very ambivalent regarding growth of member libraries.
4 Year Private 57	Selected	If there are library collections which enhance the holdings and support the educational mission of the MOBIUS institutions, they should be identified be they public, special or whatever. However, I am not specifically opposed to extending membership beyond academic libraries per se. The only concern I might have is that the legislature only has so much money to spend and I would be conscerned if expansion syphoned money away from ongoing maintenance and support of the current mission.
4 Year Public 58	Public Special School Selected	I would especially like to see the common platform extended to special libraries like Linda Hall, Mo. Botanical Gardens and perhaps some of the major corporate libraries. Large public libraries which have major research collections would also be an asset. Resource sharing goes hand-in-hand with inclusion in the CLP. Cooperative licensing of databases for libraries should be the domain of MOBIUS. I would like to see MOBIUS take on full responsibility for that function, including for those databases that are currently provided through MOREnet, for all library types.

Respondent Affiliation	Supported Membership For	Comments
4 Year Public 59	Public Special School State Selected	They should be included in the Common Library Platform along with University Libraries.
2 Year Public 61	Public Special State Selected	The more libraries and types of libraries that can be included for the benefit of statewide users and learners, the more support MOBIUS will receive from the legisture and the more benefits will accure to each member.
4 Year Public 63	Special State Selected	Both Special libraries and State consortia will be a plus for the Common Library Platform in content and holdings. Their contribution can be highly specialized. As for the 'selected libraries' such as K-12 and public libraries, their membership is essential. However, there should be guidelines and policies that each should fulfil before becoming a member.
4 Year Public 68	Selected	Public and special libraries should be considered on the basis of their collection for shared collection management and licensing of electronic resources.
Special 71	Special State Selected	MOBIUS should expand to Special Libraries, state-wide consortia, and libraries based on collections to provide for wider and deeper subject specific collections. For example, the holdings of the Linda Hall library would be very helpful to MOBIUS.
4 Year Public 72	Public Special	Public libraries should be included in the Common Library Platform and electronic resources as their budgets are usually very limited and this would open up the availability of resources to the masses. The data in Special Libraries would be beneficial to those wanting more detailed information that would not normally be included in a more general collection, such as law, medicine, etc.
4 Year Private 77	Selected	I chose "selected libraries based on collections" to maintain the quality of the shared collection as an "academic" union catalog.
2 Year Public 82	Public Special State	AT this point, I would only be interested in additional libraries be included in the Common Library Platform.
4 Year Public 85	Public School	I think every library that receives public funds in the state should eventually be included in the common library platform and the licensing of electronic resources. I am certainly open to exploring cooperative collection development. I'm not certain what is meant by a shared storage facilty.
4 Year Public 87	Selected	Expansion should only be offered to libraries that add significant collections to the consortium.
4 Year Public 89	Special State Selected	All libraries should be shared equally in the programs, there's enough confusion about who has or may request what as it is.

Respondent Affiliation	Supported Membership For	Comments
4 Year Public 90	Public School	K-12 and public libraries need to be involved in all these programs. I think it's important to broaden the political base of MOBIUS to ensure continuing legislative interest. It also engages librarians in a statewide community of shared professional interests and customer services.
4 Year Public 91	Public Special State Selected	My main concern is ease of access to printed materials for all our users. I don't include K-12 because they have access to Public Libraries (generally) and have other problems possibly beyond our current scope. Secondarily, I feel that centrallizing funding of the more general electronic resources will improve access for all our users, while making available local funds for more specific resources. I hope this is not too general?
4 Year Public 93	Public Special, School State Selected	Members should have options to select desired services.
4 Year Private 95	Selected	Select libraries for full services due to their collections.
4 Year Public 96	Public Special Selected	Public and special libraries: for licensing Selected libraries: for licensing and resource sharing
4 Year Private 98	Public Special	Public libraries - for resource sharing and licensing. Public libraries have materials our faculty and students could use and I'm sure the opposite holds true for them. Ebsco has database licenses for public libraries and universites, other companies do also. I doubt that public libraries would be interested in cooperative collection development. I'm presuming by shared storage facility you mean electronic storage; that's how I interpreted it in the survey. If you mean physical storage of books, etc., then I don't think this would be of any benefit to them. Special libraries - Special libraries have wonderful collections that would bring incredible depth to MOBIUS. I don't know if licensing would be of benefit to them, but resource sharing should be helpful to both.
2 Year Public 101	State Selected	I am not sure - perhaps membership should be expanded first to those who are most eager to join and who have something to offer to the consortium. Resource sharing and licensing are most important.
4 Year Public 107		I think we need to make sure Mobius works well with its current membership before trying to expand. Many of our institution's administration see Mobius in terms of resource sharing so doing something with cooperative collection development would be good. A cooperative storage facilty that is staffed could be quite useful to probably most of us.
4 Year Private 109	Special Selected	Holdings in union catalog Resource sharing

Respondent Affiliation	Supported Membership For	Comments
2 Year Public 111	Special Selected	Special Libraries and Selected Libraries Based on Collections are important for sharing their indepth collection on Medical, Science, and other areas that the higher education libraries need to enhance their book and journal collections.
2 Year Public 112	Special Selected	Licensing of electronic resources and cooperative collection development between special libraries and higher ed libraries would be especially helpful to postsecondary students.
2 Year Public 113	Public Special State	i believe these libraries selected should be a part of the Common Library Plateform because they all are specialize in collections that involves a different select group of people, for instinct public, would involve community and law or medicine would involve professionals in a certain cagegory that may also be a interest of academias. Sharing the collections would be a great advantage to patrons. This allows for a diverse amount of materials to circulate.
4 Year Private 116	Public Special School State Selected	Public and K-12 libraries included for licensing economy of electronic resources only.
4 Year Private 118	Special	Special Libraries contain special resources for expnaded access for faculty and students in specialized research projects. These libraries often have very very limited access especially to undergraduates. I am particularly interested in shared resources but I would think that special libraries would be interested in shared licensing of electronic resources.
2 Year Public 119	Selected	It is my understanding that MOBIUS was created to serve Missouri higher education institutions and the State Library only. I would like to see the Missouri State Library join MOBIUS and become an active member. I do NOT believe public or school libraries should be included in the foreseeable future.

APPENDIX B

The following comments were made in response to the request, "In the space below, please identify additional ideas for MOBIUS' future and indicate their importance to MOBIUS and to your institution."

Respondent Affiliation	Comments
2 Year Public 9	I believe that the $120.00 replacement cost for books may be too high for some of the public libraries who have a diverse population. Maybe a lower cost could be considered. I cannot stress too much the need to have extensive training using Mobius and III. Proper training will ceretainly make our jobs easier and the transition from DRA to III will be smoother for the students.
4 Year Private 12	Establishment of relationships, esp. resource- sharing and licensing of electronic resources, with other state or regional consortia. Functioning as a statewide clearinghouse for digitization projects. Establishing a grant program with state funds for projects of benefit to the academic community i.e., development of a scholar's desktop - with version's unique to specific disciplines.
4 Year Public 19	Teaching hospitals and medical research centers might be added in a special category for access to certain electronic resources? State government access? A strong, statewide, web-based MLS:a group met once about this idea, but I've heard nothing for awhile! If we consider information services providers/coaches/mentors/guides/web authors/ librarians/cybrarians. . .we are going to have to grow some of our own, aren't we? Provide for continual, efficient "resource sharing" (not just books but tips to using new information resources in whatever format). Training has to move up a notch or two.
2 Year Public 21	It is of great importance that our institution be notified of the changes in regards to when we will need to discontinue cataloging What will happen to our instution's electronic card catalog during this transition? Will our students be able to access our holdings, and other library holdings in our consortium? What down time should we expect to have during this transition? Thank you.
4 Year Private 24	Expanded staff at MCO to provide more help for library staff in areas of support and training - very important Providing possibility of serial purchases for the consortium similar to that in Ohio - very important
2 Year Public 26	Communication is the key to having a successful consortia. Quarterly meetings are important for cohesiveness, sharing of thoughts, ideas, problems ... We must continue to support the "old" and the "new" members. Having access to services to train new personnel is critical.

Respondent Affiliation	Comments
2 Year Public 27	Shared ebook collections. Shared long-distance reference service.
2 Year Public 29	reevaluation of $120 default price of books for Mobius: important for our institution; critical
2 Year Public 34	I don't really know what "shared storage facility" refers to, so you should probably ignore my response to that question.
4 Year Private 35	Continuing education for library staff and shared cataloging services seem especially important to maintaining the success of MOBIUS. Well trained staff that are familiar with III and the procedures in MOBIUS are vital if we are to meet patron expectations. Also the quality of the catalog is vital. I think shared cataloging services and an active cataloging user's group are important.
4 Year Private 36	MOBIUS should consider developing an interface for the digital presentation of archival materials in the state of Missouri. The costs for doing this kind of project on a library by library basis make it an activity that prohibits all but the wealthiest institutions from taking it on, and there are numerous small repositories with very interesting archival materials that could benefit from a consortial arrangement that sensibly assisted with cataloging and presentation of searchable lists of finding-aids. A model for this could be the California Digital Library. Look at the collections page and click on the "Online Archive of California" for a better sense of how this might be done. The URL for the page that links from CDL is: http://www.cdlib.org/collections/ The URL of the Online Archive of California is: http://www.oac.cdlib.org/ Of course, there are many other examples. Another good one is the New York Public Library. Their URL is: http://digilib.nypl.org/dynaweb/ead/nypl/ In short, as much of the material for digital library collections may come from archives, it behooves us to attend to the questions of access that still plague many of the archival repositories here in Missouri. As developing access to these materials can be an expensive proposition for individual institutions, why not leverage the resources of a consortium to do it?
4 Year Public 37	MOBIUS afford a great deal of information that let the citizens could having self-education, distance education, could facilitate all kinds of cultural activities etc.
Special 38	1) I almost rated "Shared Storage Facility" as not having importance at all, but if it prevents the loss of material to MOBIUS due to either drastic weeding or restrictive remote storage arrangements, then a MOBIUS (courier-serviced) shared storage facility would be wonderful. 2) MOBIUS should be open to collaborative efforts across state boundaries and the like. And OCLC, MNLC, and other such entities should be close partners.

Respondent Affiliation	Comments
4 Year Private 39	MLNC, Morenet, and MOBIUS need to work together to identify the appropriate areas each group should be involved in. For instance, MLNC seems to be a more appropriate source for shared cataloging services than MOBIUS.
2 year Public 42	1. Need to train our smaller libraries in cataloging standards and get them all OCLC access. Mobius-Critical My Institution-Important 2. Need to appoint or hire someone to be in charge of the union database. We're getting too many duplicates and it will only get worse if we don't start now. Mobius-Critical My Institution-Critical 3. Serve as a catalyst to encourage public libraries, special libraries, etc. in Missouri to enter into consortial arrangements. Then maybe we could affiliate. Mobius-Important My Institution-Important 4. The State Library needs to join MOBIUS and give legislators and goverment officials borrowing privileges. Mobius-Critical My Institution-Important 5. Continue to modify and fine tune the Host Institutional Agreement between CBHE, Mobius, and UM so that it serves the consortium in the most extraordinary manner possible. Mobius-Critical My Institution-Critical 6. Implement "authorities." Mobius-Critical My Institution-Critical
4 Year Public 43	I'm not sure if I have adequate background to opine on some of these broader issues--my emphasis may be clouded (?) by tunnel vision of day-to-day concerns. What **IS** the role of Mobius?? (I was not previously aware of efforts to expand (either physically or into "new" areas.) Cooperative collection development--if ever agreed upon--would allow a substantially greater overall/statewide, BUT I have serious concerns about the implementation. I wouldn't be surprised if all the UM libraries, PLUS 25-50% of all future MOBIUS members ALL BUY THE SAME BOOK. If there were a mechanism to share the total universe of potential book purchases equally, then the state could buy two or three times as many unique books. Very difficult to put into practice, however. My final question: How does UM insure it is not swallowed up or outnumbered/outvoted by other MOBIUS members?? There are significant differences between UM and non-UM (for lack of a better term) campuses and libraries? Where are the logical places to work together and where might "we" all be better off to work separately? I appreciate the chance to have a voice in this process.
4 Year Private 44	seems to be working well and proving quite useful so far

Respondent Affiliation	Comments
4 Year Private 56	Expansion of electronic databases available through MoreNet is very important to this institution, as is input on the selection of those databases. Storage is not an issue for this library, and will not be in the forseeable future. Cooperative collection development is of great interest to this institution.
2 Year Public 61	1.Some sort of statewide library card and user database that recognizes that many users/students access more than one collection regurlarly and fall into more than one category of user at the same time. MOBIUS: VERY IMPORTANT; MY LIBRARY: VERY IMPORTANT. 2. Continue to foster a "pro bono" attitude among all libraries rather than a "collect fines and restrict use" mentality. MOBIUS: CRITICAL; MY LIBRARY: IMPORTANT.
4 Year Public 63	* Continue in technology and resources of scholarly research * Have a 3-year analysis of data that will show strength and weakness, and develop a plan for improving the latter.
4 Year Public 64	I'd like to see a moratorium put on expanding opportunities for eligibility for membership to Mobius until at least 2 years after all clusters are up. If at that point Mobius is very stable, then it would be in a better position to discuss whether or not it would be appropriate to venture further out on the limb.
Special 73	Separate MOBIUS from the Univ. of Missour system, as they are not synonymous and it is critical for the new libraries joining that the MOBIUS administration have more than just the interests of the Univ. of Missouri as the governing body. Add training for existing staff in basic system functionality as an ongoing program; when a library employee leaves, the accumulated knowledge sometimes leaves with them and there is not currently an easily-identified program for basic Innovative/consortium training. Consider fostering type-of-library cooperation. Have semi-annual user group meetings, or at least publicize the annual meetings better.
2 Year Public 76	Expansion of shared resources to include other material formats (video, audio, etc.) My institution could be interested in this expansion within the next 5 years.
4 Year Private 77	cooperative selection and cataloging or indexing of quality Internet resources -- important for both MOBIUS and my institution
4 Year Public 81	Consortium pricing on electronic resources: For those of us who fall under the auspices of the state contracts (EbscoHost, etc) it may not be critical, but many of the smaller, independent colleges just do not have the reserves or resources if this is not provided. Shared cataloging would be wonderful. There is so much already in the database, with at least some cataloging that would ease the problems of seat-of-the-pants original cataloging, not to mention again the smaller, independent college libraries, which are trying to develop the electronic records for their catalogs. Those of us who are still doing retrospecitive cataloging can sympathize with this issue, since hand entering everything is time consuming. Redundency, cataloging errors, etc. could be reduced.
4 Year Public 83	I like the ideas about cooperative sharing with other consortia and statewide organizations.

Respondent Affiliation	Comments
4 Year Public 85	I would like to see MOBIUS follow the OhioLINK plan as much as possible. Consortial purchasing of computer equipment might generate even larger discounts than individual campuses are able to obtain.
4 Year Private 89	There is an absolute, total, and complete demand for a strong central authority. What goes is what needs to go. Right now there are committees on top of committees on top of committees. No one really is sure where one committee ends and another begins, and there is an endless string of exceptions and changes because so-and-so doesn't want things done like everyone else. Common standards need to be adapted and must be adhered to, and decisive choices need to be made, not a least common denominator mutual consensus. I fear MOBIUS may eventually collapse from the weight of it's own bureacracy.
4 Year Public 90	I would like to see MOBIUS negotiate with a vendor for shared cataloging of U.S. government publications and internet resources.
4 Year Public 91	The added usefulness of a shared storage facility would be a central distribution point for requested materials, freeing up space in local institutions. Shared digitization projects of highly used materials perhaps? A central web based "library" for the growing number of distance learners with a centralized ILL? None of this is new but...
4 Year Public 94	I would like for the mailing labels to be designed so that a whole page of labels could be printed for a single library. Or I would like to be able to click on the symbol for the libraries that I need to send books to on a given day and have those labels print on a page to be cut apart. As it is the labels have to be printed one label to a page. I wish committee members trying to disseminate information through the discussion list would refrain from using acronyms or would use the complete name of the committee or process the first time it is mentioned in the list.
4 Year Private 95	Increased communication between the MOBIUS offices and the institutions regarding forthcoming issues and allow participation even if an institution is not scheduled to "go live" until later in the queue.
4 Year Public 97	Shared databases and e-journals should be at the top of MOBIUS' list of goals, following implementation of the common library platform.
4 Year Private 98	I worked in a multitype system and the resources were wonderful, not to mention the cooperation and the feeling of togetherness in all the libraries across the state. This should be MOBIUS' future. Rules should be kept to a minimum. I am well aware we need rules and organization to be effective and survive. However, the system I mentioned above lost their special libraries to picky regulations; wonderful collections lost through administrative red tape. Eventually, a more streamlined system of delivery, an all library system that is less cumbersome to use. Lanter works for now, but in the future I see a system with less paperwork, labels, and zippered bags. Other states have such systems and once we become larger, I hope there is a change.
2 Year Public 101	At this point I would like more opportunities for training on the software.

Respondent Affiliation	Comments
4 Year Private 104	Enhancements committee to work with III. Since we are new to the "system" I don't have a feel for the way the III enhancement process works but I feel it is important to present enhancement requests as a group, ranked in order of importance.
2 Year Public 111	Consorium purchase of research electronic databases.
2 Year Public 113	I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MOBIUS INVOLVE OTHER LIBRARIES IN THE PROGRAM. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE MEETINGS AND NOTES FROM THE MOBIUS HEADS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE UPDATES IN NEWSNOTE OR WHAT EVER FORM OF BULLETINS YOU MAY USE TO SEND OUT INFORMATION. LOVE TO KNOW WHAT ELCTRONICS UPDATES FOR THE LIBRARY IS AVAILABLE
4 Year Public 117	My comments are directed at the implementation of clusters, rather than the overall future of MOBIUS: There is a serious need to provide additional training sessions on the various modules as clusters go-live. The idea of each institution sending only a couple of people to the III trainig sessions is unfeasible for large institutions. The timeframe needed to implement the modules and to also try to train others within a department is not realistic. Follow up training by MOBIUS personnel for the Circulation module was very good, but follow up training for other modules needs to be added.
2 Year Public 119	At this time the MOBIUS Consortium Office should expand it's support to member libraries, especially in regard to system services on the weekend so that things like patron loading can take place at that time.

MOBIUS Long-Range Planning Committee Survey of Member Ideas

This survey is designed to gather information about the directions you would like to see the MOBIUS Consortium go in the future. This survey is one way the MOBIUS Long Range Planning Committee is gathering input about what new projects and initiatives the MOBIUS Consortium should pursue in the future.

In the first part of the survey you are asked to score several ideas in terms of their importance to the consortium and their importance to your institution. In the second part of the survey you are asked to identify additional ideas and to score them in the same manner. In the third part of the survey you are asked to provide some demographic information. You do not need to identify yourself or your institution. ***Thanks for your help!***

Please score each of the following ideas in terms of its importance to MOBIUS and its importance to your institution by selecting the appropriate value in the drop down box.

Consortium licensing of electronic information resources:

For MOBIUS: Not Important

For My Institution: Not Important

Shared storage facility:

For MOBIUS: Not Important

For My Institution: Not Important

Cooperative collection development:

For MOBIUS: Not Important

For My Institution: Not Important

Continuing education for library staff:

For MOBIUS: Not Important

For My Institution: Not Important

Library support for distance education:

For MOBIUS: Not Important

For My Institution: Not Important

Surveying, data gathering and reporting:

For MOBIUS: Not Important

For My Institution: Not Important

Shared cataloging services:

For MOBIUS: Not Important

For My Institution: Not Important

Expansion of MOBIUS membership beyond higher education

For MOBIUS: Not Important

For My Institution: Not Important

If you indicated that expansion of MOBIUS membership is important for MOBIUS or your institution to some degree, please respond to the following additional questions:

Membership should be expanded to the following types of libraries (select all that apply):

- ☐ Public Libraries
- ☐ Special Libraries
- ☐ K-12 Libraries
- ☐ State Consortia
- ☐ Selected Libraries Based on Collections

If you selected one or more types of libraries to be incorporated into MOBIUS, please indicate **briefly** in the following text box which types of programs you envision for the types you selected. For example, if you feel that special libraries should be included in the Common Library Platform and public libraries should be included only for licensing of electronic resources, please use the text box to explain these thoughts. Examples of programs are resource sharing, licensing, shared storage facility, cooperative collection development.

In the space below, please identify additional ideas for MOBIUS' future and indicate their importance to MOBIUS and to your institution.

In this section, please indicate the type of institution you represent by selecting the appropriate value from the drop-down box.

Four-Year Public

Name of person submitting survey (*optional*):

Thanks for your help!
The MOBIUS Long Range Planning Committee