

MOBIUS ELECTRONIC RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 7, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Videoconference

In Attendance: Jill Nissen (Archway), Sheila Ouellette (Archway), Lois Marshall (Arthur), Ellen Eliceiri (Bridges), Jane Theissen (Bridges), Karl Suhr (Galahad), Dan McGurk (Lance), Abbey Rimel (MCO), Fran Stumpf (MCO), Rhonda Whithaus, chair (MERLIN), Marilyn Milovich (Quest), Georgia Baugh (SLU), Robert Black (SWAN), Edward Walton (SWAN), Frank Baudino (Towers), Carol Antoniewicz (Washington University), Laurie Hathman (WILO),

Minutes: Frank Baudino (Towers)

I. Airing it Out

Washington University – Head of Access position is open.

Northwest – finished profiling Central Search and have begun to advertise the service. Subscribed to Value Line. The Towers cluster will add WebPac Pro with the spell check option.

SLU – just completed a strategic plan.

Missouri Southern – added JSTOR Arts & Science I Collection and have received positive response; will likely add more JSTOR collections.

SWAN – reviewing WebPac Pro and spell check option.

Southwest Baptist – have EBSCO WebFeat up and running and have received positive response.

Webster/Eden – completed annual database evaluation process; have added Central Search.

Fontbonne – presenting at IUG and MOBIUS. In the process of serials renewals.

Rockhurst – Library Director retiring in June; significant budget decrease of 15% announced for next year for campus.

Lincoln – has some wonderful exhibits, including Negro Baseball League.

Lance – purchased WebPac Pro and spellcheck.

Truman – reviewing Open URL products for purchase.

Missouri Valley – re-evaluating databases; subscribed to Morningstar.

College of Pharmacy – preparing for accreditation process.

St. Louis Community College – subscribed to Science Direct via the Vendor Direct program.

Southeast Missouri State – installing Information Commons now.

University of Missouri-Columbia – joined Portico; unveiled new Libraries' web site; replaced old PCs in the Information Commons with iMacs (80% running Windows XP and 20% running OS X). MU is co-sponsoring the 2007 Scholarly Communications Conference – “The Millennial Dilemma: Convergence and Divergence in Meeting the Needs of Higher Education” on March 20, 2007 in Columbia. Details and registration information at:

<http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/about/announcementsmore.aspx#ScholarlyCommunicationsConference>

II. MCO Report – Fran Stumpf
MCO is physically rearranging offices.

The MOBIUS Conference Planning Committee has announced a library science student paper competition. Information will be sent out on the email lists soon. MCO is currently working on two RFPs: authority control and the purchase of 2000 bags of sturdier construction.

The training server has been switched to WebPac Pro.

New Vendor Direct offers: Value Line, xreferplus, Serials Solutions, Blackwell book collections. Soon, Blackwell's Reference Online collection and the Encyclopedia of Sociology will be announced.

MCO has contacted the vendors about the resources in the Database Cafeteria Program. We are waiting on pricing information from the vendors.

OVID has made a verbal agreement to not increase PsycARTICLES over 5%, but MCO is waiting to receive the written agreement.

III. Proposal for approval of meeting minutes – Rhonda Whithaus

Given that MERAC wants to provide more timely updates to MOBIUS institutions, it was decided at the October meeting that minutes would be sent to the listserv for the MOBIUS Electronic Resources Contacts at each institution. A formal process for approving minutes was not discussed. All voted in favor of the following proposal: After the draft copy of the minutes are posted to the MERAC-C list, the chair will give a 2-week deadline for corrections to be received. At that time, the minutes will be revised and the chair will send a final copy to the list with a call for each cluster to vote on approving the minutes. Once approved, the chair will post the minutes to the MCO web site and send them to the MERAC-L list (electronic resources contacts at each campus).

IV. Proposal for guideline regarding limited license resources – Rhonda Whithaus

Committee reviewed and discussed the draft document. Suggested additions include: a statement addressing the committee's preference not to have such resources in the Database Cafeteria Program and a policy stating that a limited license resource will not be considered for inclusion if the vendor cannot provide adequate alternative training access. The question of whether the training access is adequate would be decided by MERAC. It was also suggested that training access information be added to the MERAC web page. Once the guideline is approved, it will be posted to the MCO web site as policy and a statement will be added to the announcements/renewals for the limited license resources. Rhonda Whithaus will make the proposed changes to the draft document and send to the committee list for additional review. (In an email sent after the meeting Bob suggested that MOBIUS

could persuade vendors to offer affordable unlimited user access as a remedy for the limited resource sharing problem.)

There was a question about whether the issue with providing access to an institution's Open URL resolver with the Wilson training accounts had been resolved. Fran Stumpf offered to check into this. Laurie Hathman reported that this has worked at Rockhurst.

V. Next meeting date

The committee discussed calling an extra meeting to iron out any issues that might arise from this year's Database Cafeteria Plan. The committee decided this meeting will be added later only if needed.

Since the committee will have new members and need to elect a new chair, this meeting will be in Columbia on July 10. [Note: During the meeting, July 11 was selected. Immediately after the meeting, it was discovered that another MOBIUS committee was meeting that day and email was used to select a new date. In a February 8 email Fran Stumpf announced the following: The next meeting of MERAC will be July 10th in Columbia in Rm. 224-225 at 10:00am.]

Besides the comment about unlimited user access, Bob also sent by email later the following:

1. Who will be attending ACRL? He thought that if there were enough members going that there could be a debriefing session afterward via videoconference.
2. Has anyone thought about adding the ACM resource being offered by GWLA to their databases? Bob thought that the savings to his institution were significant.