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MOBIUS Cooperative Collection Development Task Force Report

The actual committee began work during the month of December with a meeting at MOBIUS headquarters.

The task force has now been transformed into an actual standing committee of MOBIUS.

Among the topics discussed at last month's meetings were:

1. Opportunities for consortial collaboration in areas of collection development and collection management
2. Investigation of current national practices and innovative efforts by other consortia or purchasing groups
3. Developing mechanisms to survey relative collection strengths throughout the consortium
4. Developing methods of collaboration in specified areas of shared interest such as subject areas, new academic programs, offsite collection storage, etc.
5. Identifying potential sources of funding.

The group seemed to come to an understanding of pursuing a unified approval program from book dealers in order to receive the best rate.

Also of interest were "last copy retention" policies as well as unified "off-site" storage for items rarely used but still considered significant enough to retain at least one copy.

The Committee will make a presentation/full report at the Council meeting Friday Jan 30th.

Respectfully submitted.

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