

MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee Meeting, Minutes, 6/28/2001

MERAC met at the MOBIUS Consortium Office (MCO) at 10:00 a.m. The date for the next meeting is Wednesday, July 25.

1. Review Status of ABC-CLIO agreement. Axie Hindman said that the license agreement requires the approval of the University of Missouri Board of Curators because MOBIUS purchasing is done through the University. The Curators meet on July 19th. ABC-CLIO has signed the license agreement as reviewed by the University Council. The University of Missouri will sign on behalf of MOBIUS after the Board approves.

An invoice will be sent to each library after July 25th. A possible start date for the subscription is September 1st. In the interim, libraries may access the databases using a password for training, instruction, becoming familiar with the databases, etc.

2. A MOBIUS Consortium participation agreement is being developed. Each MOBIUS institution will sign an agreement (one time) authorizing MOBIUS to contract for databases approved by MOBIUS Council.

3. Request for State Funding for Electronic Resources. The Committee reviewed confidential consortial pricing information and proposals submitted by vendors for the following products: ABI/Inform, JSTOR, Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe; Project Muse; APA PsycArticles; ProQuest Psychology Journals; Science Direct; Web of Science; and the OCLC base package.

Committee members proposed that MOBIUS seek state funding for the following databases for Fiscal Year 2003: ABI/Inform; Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe; APA PsycArticles; and ProQuest Psychology Journals. The APA PsycArticles database doesn't include PsycInfo just the articles. Terry reminded us that the databases selected were the top 3 recommendations for MERAC licensing: Lexis-Nexis was #1; a Psychology database was #2; and ABI/Inform was #3. MERAC members will discuss this proposal with their clusters.

Follow-Up: Committee members agreed to send faculty or student comments or personal stories about the usefulness/value of these databases to Axie prior to MERAC's July meeting. MERAC members will also bring feedback about the four databases proposed for state funding to the July meeting.

Darrin suggested doing a title overlap analysis for ABI/Inform and Gale Business. Karl suggested a title overlap analysis for ProQuest Psychology Journals and other databases such as EBSCOHost.

The science databases being considered were very expensive. The Committee discussed that the MOBIUS Executive Committee past chairs were interested in Life Sciences databases which could support Missouri's life sciences initiative. The following science resources were discussed: Wilson's General Science Index; BioOne; and the full-text of Scientific American.

Terry Austin mentioned that library staff can retrieve MARC records for Gale's, ProQuest's, and EBSCO's databases from their web or admin pages. These records could be added to cluster catalogs.

4. Chair for the July meeting. The committee elected Scarlett Swall to be the Chair for the July meeting. By July 25th, the committee expects to know the representatives for each cluster. The Committee will then vote for Chair for 2001-2002.

Two clusters have re-appointed current members: Karl Suhr for Galahad and Xiaotian Chen for LANCE. ARCHWAY's official delegate and alternate have traded positions. Stephanie Tolson will be the voting representative. Kathy Schlump will be the alternate. Arthur, Northwest, and Swan haven't reported the names of their representatives yet.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attending were: Carol Antoniewicz, Washington University, WASH U; Kathy Schlump, East Central College, ARCHWAY; Stephanie Tolson, St. Louis C C, ARCHWAY; Per Almquist, Covenant Theological Seminary, BRIDGES; Karl Suhr, Southeast Missouri State University, Galahad; Darrin Daugherty, Missouri Western State College, Northwest; Lynn Cline, Southwest Missouri State University, SWAN; Lorna Mitchell, Westminster College, ARTHUR; Raleigh Muns, UM-St. Louis, MERLIN; Kathleen Finegan, Avila College, WILO; Rhonda Whithaus, Observer,

UMC, MERLIN; Axie Hindman, Coordinator of Electronic Resource Licensing, Library Systems Office; and Terry Austin, Library Systems Specialist, Licensing, Library Systems Office.

Scarlett Swall, Chair

Raleigh Muns, Recorder