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MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee (MERAC)
Minutes
Wednesday, 14 July, 2004

Attending: Jill Nissen (Archway), Sheila Ouellette (Archway), Lucia D'Agostino (Arthur), Melissa Belvadi (Bridges), Ellen Eliceri (Bridges), Dan McGurk (Lance), Terry Austin (MCO), Susan McCormack (MCO), Ronda Whithaus (Merlin), Mary Slater (Quest), Lynn Cline (SWAN), Christy Zimmerman (Towers), Carol Antoniewicz (Washington University), Laurie Hathman, Chair (WILO), Guests: George Rickerson, Executive Director, (MCO), Hardy Pottinger (MCO), and Phil Redmon (MCO).

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Mary Slater, (Quest) for Laurie Hathman, (WILO) Chair.

Airing it Out. Committee members shared updates on various issues from their respective clusters and home libraries.

- **Archway:** - Is implementing My Millennium. The manager at St. Louis Community College at Meramec has accepted a new position and will be leaving July 30, 2004; a manager for the Forest Park Campus has been hired.
- **Arthur:** - Still working on the cluster catalog page redesign with hopes to get it up by Fall.
- **Bridges** – Webster University is installing a portal, evaluating their standing orders and periodical collection, and has added system to their name. They are now Webster University Library System. Logan College of Chiropractic has moved into their renovated space.
- **Lance** – Truman State is having training for Pick Up Anywhere this week.
- **Merlin** – SLU purchased VRLPlus and Article Linker. MU is in the process of requesting proposals for an Open URL Resolver and construction is almost complete on their Information Commons that they hope will be available in August.
- **Quest** – The cluster has been busy working on the deduping project.
- **Swan** – A new member has joined the cluster, Missouri Baptist Bible College. As a result, a number of training sessions have been held. Southwest Missouri State University tested TDnet in April; purchased it in June, and is in the process of implementation.
- **Towers**-Missouri Western has purchased Serials Solutions with Article Linker included. They hope to have it up in the Fall.
- **Washington University** – Still redesigning the web OPAC. A committee has been formed to look at federated searching with plans to make a recommendation by October. Beginning July 1st, the Business Library will report to the Olin Library.
- **Wilo** – Kansas City Art Institute is going through implementation. Rockhurst will have training on Pick Up Anywhere July 15th.

Election of Chair –Laurie Hathman made a motion to accept the nomination of Mary Slater as Chair. Seconded by Melissa Belvadi. Motion passed. Mary Slater was elected Chair of MERAC for 2004-2005.

MCO Update. George Rickerson, Executive Director of MOBIUS reviewed for the Committee current and anticipated issues regarding funding of electronic resources. George reported there has been no new legislative funding for FY '06 and MOBIUS would not be making a request for any legislatively funded databases. He did indicate that the political climate might be good in FY'07 to seek funding for electronic resources through the State Library. George stated that MERAC would be the committee to develop a proposal for academic resources. He stated that resources universally useful for K12 through college have already been identified. He recommended we look at the life sciences or federated searching. The timeline would be to have a recommendation, including cost information, prepared by Summer 2005 for submission to the State Library through MCO.

Vendor Direct/Database Cafeteria Program Update-Terry Austin (MCO) distributed two handouts outlining the saving to MOBIUS members through consortial licensing. These were the same handouts that were distributed at the last MOBIUS Council meeting. She noted that few libraries pay the list price of a database so the figures may be skewed.

Terry reported that subscriptions to the cafeteria program databases are closed. The final counts for the databases for FY'05 are as follows: ABC-CLIO 40 subscriptions, Education Fulltext 26 subscriptions, Applied Science and Technology Fulltext 7 subscriptions, ProQuest Psychology Journals 11 subscriptions, Literature Resource Center 6 subscriptions, EBSCO Academic Search Premier 18 subscriptions, MLA International Bibliography 14 subscriptions and Art Fulltext 11 subscriptions. MLA International Bibliography will be from SilverPlatter. Terry asked that we look at offering a sole source database for FY'06 because both Education Fulltext and Applied Science Fulltext will need to be rebid. A discussion ensued regarding potential titles and survey questions. Terry will email the questions to the committee for review. The committee agreed that the MERAC representatives would contact the institutions in their cluster and the deadline for response is September 1st and forward responses to MCO for tabulation. The Committee will review the results of the survey at the next meeting.

Terry also reviewed the vendor direct databases being considered for FY'05. They are: ABC-CLIO E-books, Computing Reviews, CSA, Emerald, Facts on File, Oxford University Press, RefWorks, Safari Books, Sage and Ulrichsweb. Terry stated she currently does not have a good way of tracking which institutions are taking advantage of the vendor direct program. The suggestion was made to look into the possibility of using a field in the MAROON database.

Terry reported receiving information from Serials Solutions that the MOBIUS discount will be raised from 10% to 15%. She also stated she received a phone call informing her that Serials Solutions has been bought by ProQuest.

MAROON Update. Hardy Pottinger and Phil Redmon reported on the redesign of the MAROON database. They illustrated the status of their work through an online demonstration of MAROON and Virtual Missouri. Hardy stated they will be able to incorporate all of the suggest format changes given to them by the sub-committee. The next step is to have a prototype to the MERAC sub-committee to evaluate by August 1st. Password and username access to the database will be the same as for the MCO site.

Other Issues – Terry distributed a handout listing the current video conferencing setup information she has on file. She requested that each member review the information and send any changes to Susan McCormack (MCO). The Committee agreed.

Meeting Date/Evaluation. The next meeting will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, 13 October via teleconference.

Recorder: Sheila Ouellette (Archway)