

MRSC/MCDC October 18, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Present: George Rickerson(MCO), Christopher Dames (UMSL), Marilyn Rodgers (UMSL), Janis Peach(UMSL), Georgia Baugh(SLU), Peggy McDermott(SLU), Steve Lambson(MU), Sherry Mahnken(UMR), Diane Hunter (UMKC), Phyllis Schmidt(UMKC), David Straight(WASH U), Mary Krieger (SLU), L. H. Kevil (MU), Diane Johnson(MU), Mary Ryan (MU), Rhonda Whithaus (MU), Goodie Bhullar(MU), Judy Maseles (MU), Susan McCormack (MCO), Terry Austin(MCO)

I. UM Libraries Electronic Information Resources

George Rickerson brought the committee up to date on the \$970,000 of new permanent recurring funds for purchasing electronic resources supporting Life Sciences. The UM system is making a 3 year commitment to this funding. Performance measures will determine continuance of the funding. About 2/3rd of the money could be available for one time expenditures this fiscal year. MRSC/MCDC needs to have proposals ready by the end of the 2004 calendar year.

For the November 10 meeting the following vendors will be invited: ISI/Thomson (Web of Science), Elsevier (Science Direct), and Springer.

There was a discussion of each of the databases presented in the UM Libraries Electronic Information Resource Initiative. Other resources discussed include: Wiley Interscience, Nature Publishing Group, PsycArticles, JCR, Serials Set, BioOne, JSTOR General Science, JSTOR Ecology & Botany, Science, and Annual Reviews and the Lippincott collection.

II. Update on Depository Report

No allocations will be made for a new UM Depository module until after fiscal year 2007 and possibly longer. As an alternative storage plan, a pilot project will be developed by MCO to store books at an offsite storage center located in Springfield, MO. There is still discussion of a statewide initiative for a remote storage center.

The Depository Report was accepted by the Library Directors. They want the heading to be "Guidelines for Cooperative Long-term Storage Member Libraries MIRACL Consortium 10/04". George Rickerson will be forwarding a copy of the document to the relevant individuals and/or lists.

An agenda item for the January meeting will be to begin discussions of cooperative storage relating to the Jstor collection.

III. MCO Report

SciFinder Scholar – renewal needs to be made by November 1, 2004. It was agreed to fund 2 seats of 24 hour access for UMKC and UMSL, 3 seats for UMR, and 5 for UMC.

The discussion of obtaining additional Ovid licenses was tabled, until a few more months of statistics are gathered. The next Ovid license renewal will take place in April 2005.

After some discussion, it was decided the MCO will cover the costs for all campuses' OVID User Licenses and each campus will cancel their OVID User Licenses. However, any new OVID databases subscribed to by an individual campus will have to purchase at least one OVID User License.

It is the final year of the 3 year AIP contract. Each campus will need to see if they can commit to not dropping their AIP titles for three years, or the contract will need to become annual.

IV. Update on status of request to merge MRSC and MCDC

The official request to merge MRSC and MCDC was sent to the chair of the Directors Committee a few weeks before their meeting. However it was not brought up at that meeting. So Amy Arnott (UMSL) will be sending the proposal to the Directors through email and get their votes on the proposal.

V. Enhancement Request

When someone is setting up their PIN for the first time and they hit 'submit,' they get a big red-lettered message "Please enter a new PIN." It would be better if that sentence could read instead "Please re-enter your PIN for verification." The way it is now, people think there was something wrong with the first PIN they made up

The committee agreed to have this change made. It is possible that this request will only be possible with an III enhancement. If this is the case, we would like an enhancement request to be made.

VI. Other Business

Rhonda Whithaus (MU) agreed to take the minutes at the November 10, 2004 Meeting. We will then go through the campuses alphabetically for the minute takers. After MU, the rotation will be SLU, UMKC, UMR, UMSL, Wash U.