

MCDRSC
January 30, 2007
Videoconference Meeting

Present:

UMKC: Diane Hunter, Kathy Hall

UMR: Sherry Mahnken

UMSL: Chris Dames, Marilyn Rodgers, Jan Peach

WU: David Straight

SLU: Georgia Baugh, Mary Krieger, Pat Gregory

MU: Rhonda Whithaus, Tammy Steinle, Steve Lambson, Hunter Kevil, Diane Johnson, Judy Maseles, Mary Ryan, Goodie Bhullar

MCO: Terry Austin, Susan McCormack, Abbie Brown

I. LSO Update

Terry reported that a 4.3% increase in the higher education budget has been recommended by the governor. LSO hopes that some of that money will ultimately be used for the MOBIUS assessment in order to avoid database cuts.

At ALA Midwinter, Terry learned that Web of Science will be debuting a new interface this summer. Also, the rep for Current Contents said that there will be no penalties in regard to our Web of Science costs if we cancel Current Contents.

Terry received an inquiry from infoUSA asking if we were interested in their product. Terry will send out information about infoUSA and pricing to all campuses since most people seemed unfamiliar with their product.

II. Discussion of E-Resources

a. Trials

UMKC is interested in acquiring the CQ Electronic Library. Since most campuses have at least part of this package, Terry will get pricing information so we can determine if this product is something we want to pursue.

After some discussion about whether or not we wanted to acquire Academic OneFile, Rhonda proposed that we table this discussion until next year and reconsider it then if we cut Current Contents.

b. Database Cuts

To identify resources to place on a possible cancellation list, each campus should submit a ranked list of electronic resources to cut totaling \$100,000. Terry will send out a list of the resources to be considered and then compile the campus lists prior to a March meeting to finalize which items will be targeted for cancellation. Each campus should submit its list by Wednesday, February 28.

Terry wanted to know whether we wanted to add Table of Contents to the list of resources to be considered for cancellation. Hunter questioned whether we wanted to cut it entirely or just reduce the amount spent. It was decided that TOC would be put on the list to be cut in total.

c. July Renewals

A question was raised about what to do for July renewals, since cancellation notices must be sent in April for July renewals, but it is possible that we may not have information about the budget by that time. Terry indicated that she thought it would be fine to tell vendors that we were going to cut databases and then change our minds if cuts are not necessary.

III. Current Contents

Although Current Contents cannot be cancelled this year, all the campuses agreed to drop it in June 2008. Terry suggested that we should do a full evaluation of Web of Science and its new interface in the next six to eight months in order to determine whether we wish to renew it or to cancel it in favor of Scopus.

Some additional issues exist for the committee to consider when evaluating Web of Science. Georgia pointed out that Scopus does not have equivalent coverage of the humanities and social sciences. Also, if we cancel WoS, we will own the backfiles, but we will have to host the content and find a way to provide a search interface.

IV. Springer

Terry reported that some of the campuses wanted to switch their Springer subscriptions from print to electronic format, but the print division of Springer protested the switch, saying that is amounted to a cancellation. (As a result of her discussions with Springer, Terry has been invited to attend the Springer advisory council meeting.) If we want to make a switch from print to electronic, we must do so when we confirm our subscriptions with our serials vendor, not when the spreadsheets showing electronic subscriptions arrive in November.

Jan suggested that we should have a larger discussion of archival issues, such as how to determine which campus will keep an archival print copy and how we will share access to them. Hunter pointed out that MU has Portico for archival access and that keeping print subscriptions may not be necessary. Terry reported that since MU has Portico, the other three UM campuses received a discounted offer for access. Since this information

was originally given to the directors, Terry offered to send out information about the Portico offer to the MCDRSC listserv. Terry also pointed out that, as a part of the GWLA deal, Springer agreed to continue to provide access to archival electronic content if libraries drop out of the deal.

V. MERLIN Issues

a. Permanent Links

UMKC requested that the permanent links be turned on in MERLIN to make it easier to copy and paste OPAC links to specific records. All campuses agreed to this change.

b. Movement of Title Information

UMKC discovered a way to move the earlier and later title information (780 and 785 fields) up to display below the citation information but above the checkin and item records in MERLIN. All campuses agreed to this change. Both the permanent links and the title information will be changed in the live catalog immediately.

VI. WebPac Pro

Judy and Rhonda will look at issues associated with the implementation of WebPac Pro and make recommendations to the committee at a later date. Diane Hunter asked if we could also turn on My Millennium at this time. MU already has it on; Judy pointed out that this can be done individually by each campus by sending a request to MCO. Before making the request, each campus will have to decide which patron types should have access to My Millennium.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21 in Columbia. Information about the location of the meeting will be sent later.

VIII. Other Business

Diane Hunter had a question about the continuing problem with hidden table of contents information in MERLIN. Judy said she would check up on this issue.

Rhonda will send email messages in the next few days concerning business raised by other committees.

Diane Johnson asked the MCDAC representative, Diane Hunter, to propose making a change in the request feature in the MOBIUS catalog to allow users to select institution

names rather than clusters. Diane agreed to make the proposal at the next MCDAC meeting.