

Minutes of Herrick Library Faculty Meeting March 13, 2012

Present: Stephen Crandall, Ellen Bahr, Laurie McFadden, and Brian Sullivan

June Brown Award

Dave Douglas and Michelle Zajac were nominated and will receive this year's award.

Database Discussion

As part of our discussions about the possible implementation of a discovery layer, we identified database subscriptions as a potential source of savings to fund the new initiative. We reviewed cost and use of our current subscriptions in order to identify potential candidates for cuts.

Ellen will follow up on these items:

- Gather usage stats by title for Annual Reviews
- Clarify with Steve which Hoover's products we're subscribed to
- Confirm subscriptions and set up access to Women and Social Movements and Encyclopedia of the Reformation
- Identify the source of our Salem subscriptions
- Determine whether usage statistics are available for our single title e-journal subscriptions

We also discussed the possibility of eventually looking more closely at our EBSCOhost and Proquest base packages in order to better understand the extent of overlap.

Ebrary PDA

Ellen gave an update on the status of the Ebrary PDA project. Our PDA profile is finalized; Maggie is still working on fixing our records in Aleph; Maggie will load the PDA records when she's ready; and Maggie will provide a new upload "fix" to us. Maggie is likely to do some uploads going forward because of the size of the files.

Suppression of records in Aleph

Ellen is still working on this.

Claims Returned

Ellen is still working on this.

Library furniture

Steve has ordered some additional tables for the library. We discussed the feasibility of adding more dual-boot Mac work stations in the library, in order to provide an alternative when the lab is in use. Ellen will get pricing information from ITS. Two possible locations for a Mac work area are the east wing of the main floor or the microfilm area on the lower floor.

Discovery layer

Steve has contacted four vendors in order to request more information about their products (EBSCO Discovery Service, WorldCat Local, Summon, and Primo). He has responded to some requests from them for additional information.

Learning Commons

Steve gave an update on the status of a proposal for a Learning Commons in Herrick. Currently, the Writing Center and Special Academic Services are the most likely candidates for a new presence in Herrick. Steve is working with Mary McGee on a proposal to the Manley Trust.

Laurie is also working on a joint proposal with Scholes Library for shared digitization resources. A draft will be circulated for input.

The digitization and Learning Commons proposals will be submitted separately.

Because University Relations doesn't typically give us much leadtime, Ellen suggested that we begin working on Manley proposals earlier in the year, since the funding is significant. She will mark her calendar to begin discussions on September 1 of each year.

Committee Assignments

We reviewed and updated current committee assignments. A final list will be distributed once we know who is representing the libraries to the faculty senate.

Off-campus programs faculty survey

Steve distributed the results of our survey of faculty in off-campus programs. We agreed to review the results and discuss them at our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Bahr
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