

Library Cluster Meeting Minutes
Dale Mabry Campus
February 11, 2005

Attending: Alicia Ellison, Chair; Jeremy Bullian, Jacquelyn Cress, Wendy Foley, Vic Harke, Carlene Reeves, and Jeneice Sorrentino

Visiting: Pat Manack

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. with the automatic-shushing librarian action figure.

The January 6th meeting minutes were approved as read.

DLTS Update: Pat Manack

Pat detailed the ACRL survey she is faced with completing, which requires detailed feedback on various library resources obtained and offered by the school. Many of the survey questions are ambiguous and hard to decipher. One of these questions focused on the number of electronic book titles we have. CCLA provided Pat with a suspiciously low figure of 19. Discussion commenced on how many titles we actually have and whether a more accurate estimation of approx 3500 titles included those in public domain.

DLTS will be looking into improved book ordering. Upon review it was determined that Baker&Taylor is supplying only about half of our placed orders. Pat related that B&T fills only titles available in their warehouse and that typical turnaround time is one month. Vic noted that from an Oct. list of 40-50 selections he submitted only 6 have made it to the shelves. DLTS is looking at other vendors for selection and faster delivery. Meanwhile, Pat recommends we should keep ordering. Essie Jones will check book budgets before end of spring term. Pat described the process of how our book budget is encumbered.

Concerning the working draft of Advisory Board Goals for CCLA, Pat noted that the representative Committees don't accurately reflect the point of view of all colleges and that teleconferences might be a solution to this.

Changes in the OPAC are coming, specifically with status codes for items (i.e. Regular Loan changing to something like 14-day loan. This will require time-intensive analysis of tables. Vic questioned whether the codes can be campus specific. Pat assured that, yes, list options can be modified to what we agree upon.

Lastly, Pat noted that a new version of Aleph is slated for January '06.

Ebooks: Alicia

Discussion formally returned to Ebooks. Alicia has observed renewed interest in ebooks from other colleges in concert with our own. Alicia and Jeremy have been working with CCLA for information on integrating the titles into the catalog. Vic asked if stats were

available on ebooks. Pat provided CCLA statistics for database access including ebooks. All were surprised at the figure of 1579, indicating much higher access than was anticipated. Discussion continued concerning the future of eBook selection considering the eventual integration of eBook titles in the catalog. It was suggested that initial discussion should occur within the Electronic Databases sub-committee and that inquiries into other colleges' eBook collection practices would be helpful.

Alicia distributed a handout covering issues for which she'd solicited responses from CCLA.

Jeremy will take on eBooks interface administrative duties.

Orientation Request form: Alicia/Jeremy

Suggestions were given toward standardizing an online request form for all campus libraries. Using Brandon's as a model the following suggestions we made: Make fit on one printable page, make clear the form will be submitted to appropriate library, must include warning that orientation is not scheduled until confirmed by librarian, minor editing to verbiage.

Electronic Databases: Jeremy

The committee is reviewing the database priorities to submit to the cluster for review as early as next week. [Note: database priorities have since been submitted to cluster for review] Trials have been arranged for Greenwood Daily Life Online and Science Resource Center (Gale). SRC is likely to be expensive (est. \$7-8000), while DLO is relatively cheap (\$775) but narrow in scope. Jackie is currently reviewing history databases for possible trial.

Public Library Databases: Alicia

HCPLC access to common databases (i.e. Reference Center Gold) reveals different interface settings than we have. Jeremy volunteered to Contact CCLA over admin control over database interface and setting parameters. Jackie was hesitant over the suggestion to set databases to a default full-text limiter. Discussion followed.

Ask-A-Librarian, Summer obligations: Alicia

Queried librarian schedules for summer. Alicia suggested trying to be as seamless as possible in maintaining our commitment. Wendy suggested we change our commitment to Friday staffing due to Friday closure of some libraries during summer. Minutes from 4-23-04 cluster meeting revealed that we did suspend our Friday commitment last summer. The new survey for Summer scheduling should come in March. There will be a new Ask-A-Lib coordinator (TBLC) starting March 2nd.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: Vic

An administrative proposal to reduce College Prep from 5-4 hrs for reading/writing, thus making lab optional, passed. Vic also passed out campus specific, AAC approved course modifications.

Information Literacy: Jackie

Described the committee's progress in customizing the TILT tutorial. Jackie offered the chance for library staff to rename the tutorial for HCC specificity and presented the cluster with the committee's suggestions for best choices. Cluster voted "Learn IT" as the best. Jackie moved to accept. Wendy seconded. All approved.

Jeremy will advise on technical aspects of HCC customization of the TILT tutorial.

Roundtable:

Carlene asked that Dan Hood be added to the PC library page. He has been hired as an LRC Tech but will fill in as Carlene is away on maternity leave. Dan will be invited to the next cluster meeting. There is also a temporary LRC tech named Justin working.

Vic noted that Sherell Holley-Wilson (Asst. to the Dean) has been a wonderful addition to the DM library. She is innovative, smart, personable and a great addition. Jackie concurred.

Wendy noted 150 people attended the Majorie Kinnan Rawlins presentation at Brandon.

Jeneice and Alicia attended CCLA's New Learner conference detailing future trends/changes in learning styles. They will disseminate more info to the cluster when it arrives.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Bullian