

UIC Library Steering Committee
27 October 2004
603 CCC
Minutes

Present: Douglas Bicknese, Alex Bloss, Bob Daugherty, Emily Guss, Julie Hurd (Time Keeper), Susan Jacobson, Gretchen Lagana (Recorder), Jay Lambrecht, FiFi Logan, Bob Malinowsky, Victoria Pifalo, Ellen Schellhouse, Carol Scherrer, John Shuler, Ellen Starkman, Ann Weller

Absent: Mary Case, Jo Dorsch, Bill Jones, Linda Naru

The Minutes of the 6 October 2004 meeting were approved and will be forwarded to ULIB for publication.

- 1) **Review of "Computers for Everyone" List.** Jay Lambrecht noted that the list, compiled by Francis Kayiwa, is an attempt to get back on track with the 3-4 year rotation of computer equipment previously followed by the Library, as well as to target current urgent needs. The time frame for deployment of new equipment is one calendar year frontge date that the initial order is placed. The assumption is that the FACT program is meeting faculty needs.

Based on the resulting discussion, Jay suggested Steering members contact Francis to report any unlisted 98' and 99' computers, errors, or discrepancies. He will report the following to Mary Case:

- Francis should plan to visit with Department Heads (and their staff choices) to discuss computer needs and should prepare a revised list for Mary for further discussion.
 - The next discussion should include policy issues such as network upgrades, cost factors, communication issues between Chicago and the sites, and equitable upgrades for faculty and staff.
 - An alternative for consideration is to start from ground zero with a discussion of priorities and costs.
- 2) **Update on Changes at LHS-Chicago.** Susan Jacobson reported the following:
 - LHS has established a new information service desk to take the place of its two previous service points. The result is a better use of staff and resources and a more attractive and inviting setting.

- Plans call for compact shelving in the LHS basement to house Dewey titles and 80% of the Library's journal collection (issues to the year 2000). The former multi-media section is set to become a storage area for University archives. The arcade will close during renovation with some of the machines relocated to the Administrative office for use by appointment only.
 - The unanticipated cost of replacing low lighting levels with new lighting where needed and installing a fire prevention system built to code may cause the project to be scaled back.
 - Room 109 is earmarked to become a Learning Center, to be shared by all six of the west side colleges. It will be available to UIC students and faculty via card access only. The goal is to have it operational in one year.
- 3) **Resident Librarian Program.** Jay introduced the discussion by describing the program's background and asking whether or not we want to continue it. If so, at what scale and level of support? What is the role of the Professional Library Associates in comparison with the Residents? A lively discussion followed which touched on many factors, including the following:
- The Library has recently had an exceptional group of Residents that allowed it to accomplish unusual projects.
 - Integration and socialization in the library for the Residents would be enhanced by participation on the Steering committee, quads, and involvement in selected research projects.
 - It can be difficult for Departments to provide mentoring and leadership both to the Residents and Professional Library Associates during the current period of retrenchment.
 - The Resident Program should not be used in an exploitive manner.
 - Should the Program be reduced from two to one year?
 - The goals of both programs need to be redefined. How do they differ? What do they have in common?
 - Should Library Associates be made Residents?
 - Would the LC Intern Program serve as a useful model?
- 4) **ECQ Update.** Among ECQ's many accomplishments, Julie noted the steady growth of E-reserves, implementation of the new version of Docutek, the addition

of links to the library page within Blackboard and rearranged resources listed there by Sandy de Groot. Ongoing concerns include the replacement of Scott Collard, interface customization and reference linking, monitoring the development of DOLLeR database, communication concerning service interruptions, copyright and fair use of licensed resources, branding UIC's resources, and integrating resources for users

- 5) **Project Deadlines.** Clio Web is in its final review with ERQ. Institutional repository discussions are being planned in conjunction with Team Vision 2010.
- 6) **Other.** A short discussion on Math Library issues took place. Ellen Schellhouse reported on renovation improvements at the Rockford site.

Future meeting dates: November 17 (**9:00 - 12:30**), (December 8 (9:00 - 10:45) to be held at 603 CCC or 312-413-2001

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