

UIC Library Steering Committee
Meeting of July 23, 2003
9:00 AM • LIB 1-360
Minutes

Present: Austin, Bangalore, Bloss, Daugherty, Dorsch (by phone), Graves (Timekeeper), Hollander (by phone), Hurd (Recorder), Jacobson, John, Lagana, Lambrecht (Convener), Malinowsky, Naru, Pifalo (by phone), Pillow, Scherrer, Shuler, Weller

The minutes of the meeting of July 2 were approved as corrected.

We recognized that this is Sue Hollander's upcoming retirement and wished her well.

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Digital Services to Users task force report: The report (distributed earlier electronically) was summarized briefly by

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Jo Dorsch. The task force recommends continuation of the pilot implementation; additional data from fall semester would provide better insights into how this service will scale. The Steering Committee supported the recommendation and requested that a final report be provided by December 1. The QuestionPoint experience has been positive so far, and the hours of service seem adequate at current usage levels. If use increases, more participants will be needed, and training of staff is underway.

Options for branding the service are being explored. Coordinating the service with classes offered through BlackBoard is in process. The question of a more comprehensive oversight of all user services was raised. Should a new group be appointed to address user services issues? Individuals and quadrants were invited to send input for a charge and membership suggestions to Nancy John.

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Patron Notices via e-mail only: 50% of patrons already have migrated to electronic notification. There remain problems with LHS-U users who hold UIUC netids and with Rush and Cook County patrons. Susan Jacobson supports use of e-mail and will investigate what else needs to be done to make the transition possible.

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Budget: The LTA unionization vote was positive; at this time the contract is still under negotiation. There will be mandatory supervisory training, a new step plan for LTAs, and new work regulations. The committee discussed raises and strategies for funding them, the library's salary improvement plan, staff development support, and student hours. Supervisors were reminded not to discuss union issues with staff but rather to refer questions to the union, Local 73. There will be new classifications for LTAs and LCs. A new University Vice-President for Personnel will arrive in August (John Loya).

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Discussion of Library listserves: This item was deferred to a future meeting.

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Updates on A&A closing, compact shelving in LHS, etc.: The A&A collection is moving to the reserve room space, Daley periodicals, and the Warehouse. Musical scores have been relocated from the 4th floor of Daley to the first floor. A proposal is in preparation to relocate newspapers from reserve to Microforms. A report will be provided at a future meeting on compact shelving in LHS.

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Electronic Collections Quadrant Report: A written summary was distributed as time was running short for discussion.

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Deadlines were reviewed and adjusted

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The Board of Trustees approved the Yankee Book Peddler contract so shelf-ready slip orders can proceed.

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DOLLeR will be available to the bibliographers next week. Training will be provided.

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_ Implementation of CLIOWeb is in process

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Future meeting dates:

August 13

September 3, 24

October 15

November 5, 26

December 17

All meetings are 9:00 – 10:45 AM, LIB 1-360, 312-413-2001.