

Council on Libraries Meeting

November 17, 2005

Attending: John Crane, Jeff Horrell, John James, Cayelan Carey, Bill Garrity, Jim Fries, John Scott, Alice Farnham, Teoby Gomez, Cynthia Pawlek, Eric Tou, Kathy Cottingham, Bob Graves

1. Introductions of those attending.
2. Minutes of the October 20, 2005 were distributed and approved on a motion by John Scott with a second by Kathy Cottingham.
3. The Council engaged in a continuing discussion of the issues of Scholarly Communication. Bill Garrity, Jim Fries, and Barbara DeFelice (who was unable to attend the meeting) had prepared a presentation which addressed the economic picture of serials and their costs and also a profile of a junior faculty member in the science area and how some of these issues affect the faculty member's decisions.

* The Council expressed interest in using this type of presentation as a means to visit various campus faculties and staff groups to help each to better understand the issues and perceived risks being confronted in this topic of scholarly communication.

* Agreement was reached on developing a robust prototype and taking it to the Biology Department as a first effort. Feedback on the effort is expected and will help adjust future presentations. Kathy Cottingham suggested the various bibliographers may be helpful in this prototype development and also agreed to help Jim Fries and Bill Garrity in this regard.

* A second robust prototype will also be developed with a focus on the arts and humanities and more attention to monographs in its content. Kate Connelly's help will be sought on this one to work with Jim and Bill and others.

* A third prototype presentation focused on access to serials and monographs for students and classroom teaching will also be developed and John James agreed to consider the content directions for this third presentation.

4. Discussion ensued on the next agenda for the Council for the December 8 meeting and several topics were put forward with focus on the following:
 - a. Student use and access to Library resources – what are the students using and are numbers increasing? How to develop a better understanding of the depth of information available, its authenticity, and its access?

There was also a topic from the October meeting relative to Blackboard Software and copyright clearance and cost issues that might be addressed at the December meeting. Jeff Horrell and Bob Graves were to discuss these possibilities and arrange the December 8 meeting agenda.

5. Council adjourned at 1:35 pm