Collections Development Committee (CDC) Meeting Notes
2:00pm Tuesday, June 24 2008

Present: Muhammad Al-Faruque, Rod Allen, Laura Hanson, Cindy Ingold, Betsy Kruger, Mary Laskowski, Wendy Shelburne, Tom Teper, Cherie Weible, Katie Sumner

Absent: Alvan Bregman, Lisa Hinchliffe, Joann Jacoby, Sarah Shreeves

I. FY09 Budget Update (Tom Teper & Rod Allen)
- Today, the Governor announced a bill to cut 1.5 billion dollars from the proposed state budget. We don’t know to what extent this will affect the Library, and probably won’t know until August (last year August 15). Nothing was said about recission, however we can expect it may be larger than last years.
- The Surveys have been approved to come into the University. No Library consolidation is slated at this time; only the INHS Library collection is under our domain. Movement of the Surveys has no impact on our budget.
- An email will be sent out approximately during the second week of August, after our Budget Group and EC have met.
- Roll over numbers from last year’s budget into an excel spreadsheet to get started this year, then edit later after the budget is finalized, and enter into Voyager.
- Downtime for Voyager is scheduled for July 2.

II. Electronic Resources
- CARLI is renewed on July 1.
- There will be no more Current Contents.
- Health, PsychoSocial databases will be transferred to EBSCO
- Sage BackFile goes up July 1
- EBSCO Host goes up July 1
- Blackwell Synergy goes down forever on June 27. Blackwell will comes through
- No more Wiley content on the 27, back up on June 30.
- Due to world-wide changes, expect Blackwell Journals to be a problem during conversion.

III. I-share Update (Lynn and Cherie)
After 4 request attempts, a failed request goes into a limbo land.
With $4K funding, an 8-week trial run of “purchase on demand” began in May. Failed requests were pulled, and immediately purchased to meet user needs.

- 225 Books were purchased total
- 220 within 8 working days
- 200 within 3 or less days
- 1/4 were University Press volumes
- 3/4 were major trades
- $32 was the average cost per volume

User feedback was very positive. Thanks to Cindy, Sarah, Karen, Erin and Beth for their focused work to make this a successful pilot. Funding to continue this program is $20K for next year. For the next round: implement a “catalogue on demand” to bring things into the catalogue quickly when requested. Approvals will be requestable (CARLI & UI).
IV Topical Discussion

What makes a Distinctive Collection?
- Consciously built
- Continuously built
- Independent of Strategic Plans
- Targeted
- Multi-format
- Organic
- Opportunistic: built as things become available.
- Entrepreneurial
- Not demand-driven

What makes a great collection in the 21st Century?
- Vision
- Long view
- Relative to who or what?
- Invests in special collections & rare materials: unique
- Accessible
- Described well

How do we build them?
- Cooperate to fill gaps between institutions
- Increase communication and assessment between institutions

Cooperative Collection Development Activities
CIC: currently it’s not a conscious effort.
Harvard is ready to build collaboratively, which is a huge deal.

What about the issue of uniqueness in CIC Libraries:
- 60% materials held by one Library
- Penn State study: 20% overlap
- Monographs: the number published is up, however $ spent is flat
- If books don’t get used in the 1st 2 years, odds of them getting used diminish.
- High percent of approval books go unused.

We have data about electronic resources from the LibQual study to use to determine the reason expectations are not met (not meeting minimal expectations, expectations are too high, or not meeting reasonable expectations.)

Publishing mergers are a huge issue; everyone is eating each other, and this is having the biggest impact and change

Trade print vs. electronic journals.

Assuming we can have everything, then:
What is a long view?
How do we look at programs/departments to view strengths?
NSF Centers
What are our unique collections? (Music)