

University Library Committee 1995-1996

Minutes for April 8, 1996

Summary

The Library Committee heard a brief presentation concerning the implementation of the serials cancellation project. It then heard a brief report concerning the Orbis proposal. Related documents on the www are to be found at

- Memo from Faye Chadwell and Deb Carver regarding "all cut list"
- Orbis proposal and related documents
- Agenda for next meeting

DETAILED MINUTES

Present: Bart Alexander, Frances Cogan, Peter Gilkey, Lucy Lynch, Theodore Palmer, George Shipman, Ray Weldon.

Absent: John Gage, Bill Orr.

Guest: Deborah Carver, Assistant University Librarian for Public Services and Collections.

The meeting was called to order by Peter Gilkey, chair, at 2:00 p.m. The minutes of the January 17, 1996 meeting were approved with no corrections or additions.

1. Serials Cancellation Project

Deborah Carver distributed a handout outlining the progress of the serials cancellation project. Approximately \$400,000 in cuts has already been identified. She reported that all departments, except Classics, have met their target goals for the first-year cuts. Classics is continuing to identify more titles. Several departments are still working on their 2nd- and 3rd-year lists of titles. Three departments have indicated they are having difficulty in reaching the 2nd and 3rd year goals. Shipman stated that if some departments cannot meet their target amounts, he will discuss the issue with their department head, and if necessary will involve their Dean and the Provost. Ray Weldon commented it was his understanding that departments could ask for further analysis of their budget lines if they felt their target goals were too high. Shipman responded that reasonable requests would be analyzed further. The committee agreed that in the event a department chooses to not identify amounts for the all three years, that Shipman contact their department head to resolve the issue. Shipman will report on the progress being made at the next ULC meeting, which will be held Monday, April 22 at 2pm.

2 Orbis Proposal

Shipman reviewed the grant summary proposal submitted by the University of Oregon for the Orbis Consortium. The proposal request consists of \$404,000 to expand the Orbis online catalog to allow automated borrowing between the member institutions (Eastern Oregon State

College, George Fox College, Lewis and Clark College, Linfield College, Oregon Institute of Technology, Reed College, Southern Oregon State College, UO, University of Portland, Western Oregon State College, Whitman College, and Willamette University). Shipman reported that he received a letter today from Meyer Memorial Trust that the grant proposal has been denied as the Trust typically does not provide follow-up grants; Meyer Memorial Trust funded the first phase of implementing Orbis.

Shipman stated that the Orbis Council plans on submitting the grant proposal to other Foundations for consideration. The automated borrowing feature would allow users of member libraries to initiate a command from their computer to request a book be sent to their institutions library. This will eliminate having to go through Interlibrary Loan to obtain material. It is expected that this service will provide deliveries within 24 hours by way of a courier. Shipman added that the \$404,000 will not cover recurring costs associated with personnel and maintaining equipment. Theodore Palmer commented that because the UO library is the largest Orbis member, this might cause faculty and students on campus to find that the materials they need are more often on loan to other member libraries. Shipman responded that the recall procedure will be the same as what is currently in place. He added that the automated borrowing component of Orbis is the least expensive way to provide patrons with this level of access to collections. PSU, OHSU and OSU are considering joining the Orbis consortium. If those three institutions become members of Orbis, patrons would have very easy and quick access to over five million volumes.

3. Budget Update Note

(Note that this section includes some updates and clarifications) Shipman reported that he has received a memo from Pam Daener, Associate Vice Provost for Resource Management, on the 1996/97 augments and 1% recovery. This 1% tax has been posted against the Library's supplies & services budget for 96-97. This reduces the Library's total S&S budget quota by a net \$101,000. There may also be the need to absorb faculty salary increases for 97-98; this would require an additional \$62,000. The University is facing a \$2-2 1/2 million deficit. It is hoped that the Legislature will eventually fund the 1% recovery amounts for faculty salaries.

Next Meeting

The next ULC meeting will be Monday, April 22 at 2pm. Shipman distributed an article on copyright to help prepare the committee for discussion at the April 22 meeting. There are many components to copyright law. The library specifically will address copyright issues as they relate to reserve materials. Carver distributed a handout on the library's electronic journals. (Note that Pete Swann, University Attorney, will be present) The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Submitted by Sheila Gray April 10, 1996