

Meeting Summary April 19, 2005

Dear PSAG colleagues,

Thank you for meeting with me yesterday. Present were: Wm. Maes, S. Longard, G. Pace, S. Dwyer, K. Smith, M. Moosberger, T. Nikkel, J. Archibald, J. Duffy (Chairwoman)

Below is a summary of the discussion of the 6 priorities identified at the March 15 meeting as well as a list of action items:

1) Collection Management

Bill Maes announced that a system-wide coordinator of collections will be in place within the next 3-4 months. The University Librarian's Council is being consulted regarding the breadth of the duties attending this position.

Action item for: Bill Maes and ULC

2) Global Cooperation

Gwyn Pace reported on the progress as well as challenges attending the ECRC. The position of a regional project coordinator was raised in light of the growing number of Novanet libraries participating in this initiative.

Bill Maes reported that FASS is transferring \$100,000 to the Libraries to support the Libraries' monographs collection. Advice will be sought on the disbursement of these funds to individual subjects.

Action item for: Library Administration and Collection Advisory Committee

It was generally agreed that continued cross-departmental collaboration will need to be developed and fostered to advance Strategic Directions 2,3 and 4.

3) Digital Initiatives

M. Moosberger is in the process of collecting names of those interested in submitting, reviewing and seeking funding to digitize specific collections of materials. Jane Duffy will work with him to form a system-wide committee of interested professionals. (Strategic Directions 2 and 3)

The topic of institutional repositories was again raised with discussion concerning specific activities and interests of PSAG members on this subject.

It was agreed that a subcommittee be formed to determine how the libraries may take a leadership role in the engineering, design and maintenance of an Institutional Repository.

Action item for: J. Duffy and interested PSAG members and other volunteers
(Strategic Direction 2)

4) Information Literacy

The search for the Information Literacy Coordinator is proceeding as quickly as possible. We should have the new position in place in the weeks to come. Lectora software site license is being purchased by the Libraries and UCIS, so information literacy goals and initiatives can become more accessible to librarians and University at large. (Strategic Direction 1 and 2)

5) Enhancing profile

Members were urged to work with Tina Usmiani on enhancing the profile of individual departmental events. The office of communications will be further defined and enhanced in the upcoming months. (Strategic Directions 1 and 3,4)

6) Internal cooperation

G. Pace, S. Longard and S. Dwyer are going to collaborate on a plan to integrate more effectively the shared goals of reference and circulation services.
(Strategic Direction 3)

Maximizing the efficacy of PSAG as a new committee was raised by J. Duffy. Duffy pointed out that the time had come for the terms of reference and membership to be adjusted in order to facilitate a more effective system-wide public services structure. It was agreed that a call for members would be sent out system-wide.

Respectfully submitted,
Duffy