

PSAG meeting, March 15, 2005

Present: W. Maes, J. Archibald, S. Longard, M. Moosberger, G. Pace, J. Riggs, K. Smith, J. Duffy (Chair), Regrets: T. Nikkel, S. Dwyer

The agenda: this meeting stepped away from the Strategic Directions document in order to address particular challenges and impediments that we may be experiencing with the plan.

The major challenge identified and further articulated by the group was *setting priorities.* How do we choose allocation priorities for limited time, staff and financial resources?

It was suggested that discussion and analysis of priorities for the continuing implementation of Strategic Directions 2004-2008 may be a function of the PSAG group. The following items were identified as priorities for this point in the planning process:

#1 Collection Management

Greater internal collaboration, more system-wide thinking about money, staffing and other resources will be explored. Action item for: University Librarian's Council

#2 Global cooperation

Efforts will continue to be made to promote and to advance collection access and sharing initiatives such as ECRC and ASIN. Action item primarily for: Collection Management, Document Delivery, Library Administration, Department Heads

#3 Digitizing projects

It was suggested that there be some kind of list created of candidates for digitization initiatives. Also, grant-writing "how-to" workshops may be offered to find funding. Action item primarily for: Subject specialists from all Dalhousie Libraries, possibly a digital projects committee, Archivist, AUL

#4 Information Literacy enhancement

It was suggested that the unique funding, etc., we've been offered to advance Information Literacy be maximized through greater awareness efforts by the Library of its work in this growing public services area. Action item primarily for: Information Literacy Committee, AUL, all Public Services librarians

#5 Enhance profile of the Dalhousie Library's initiatives

It was proposed that we all need to do much more to "talk up" what the Libraries are doing, in our capacities as Department Heads, as well as individual members of the University community. It was pointed out that we all must do more to represent and advance the library's strengths to all university stakeholders. Action item primarily for: all Dalhousie Libraries' leaders (everybody)

#6 Internal cooperation

It was agreed that PSAG leaders can all play a role in advancing internal cooperation, particularly in the Killam Library. Examples offered were greater cooperation between reference and circulation, particularly after hours, greater synthesis of communications and marketing efforts, etc.

It was concluded that all PSAG members would give these 6 priorities further thought and dialog in the days to come. At the next meeting, scheduled for April 19, these priorities will be reported on, developed and assessed further.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Duffy, PSAG Chairwoman, March 15, 2005