

Library Management Team

Notes from the February 13, 2001 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, Claire Germain, Tom Hickerson, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas; Christian Boissonnas, Pat Schafer, Nancy Skipper.

1. President's Council Meeting:

Sarah discussed with LMT the report she will be giving to a future meeting of the President's Council. (The President's Council is a group of the top managers of the University that meets every other month.) The first part of this report will summarize broad issues about future directions of the University, based upon discussions Sarah has had with each of the individual deans in recent months. Sarah will then talk about current trends in information, the growing ubiquity of access, the plans of the Library to partner with individual faculty on future initiatives, and the changing nature of scholarly communications.

2. LibQual Project:

Pat, Christian and Nancy briefed LMT on the ARL LibQual project. This is a three-year project, intended to produce an instrument for obtaining regular input from users on perceptions of library services. Our planning for the project at Cornell is currently on track and on schedule. The first stage of the project will consist of a survey of a randomly selected group of undergraduates, graduates, and faculty--as well as all Library staff. Because of the present design of the survey form, neither non-Library staff nor affiliated Cornell scholars who are not counted as faculty will be surveyed in this round. The random sample will be drawn from the patron database, and the survey will be conducted in late March/early April. CUL public services groups and the Council of Librarians have been briefed on this survey so far. Ross will work with Christian, Pat and Nancy to ensure that technical services and collection development groups also receive information in the near future. The Library Board will be briefed, as well as unit library committees. A short description will also be provided at an upcoming Academic Assembly. Since all staff, including support staff, will be surveyed, supervisors will be asked to keep their staff informed of this project and to encourage staff response.

3. Intellectual Property for Distance Learning:

Tom distributed a draft proposal from the University's Advisory Committee on Distance Learning; this proposal recommends changes to the University Copyright Policy that reflect the needs and conditions of the new distributed learning environment.