

Library Management Team

Notes from the June 13, 2000 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, David Corson, Claire Germain, Tom Hickerson, Sarah Thomas, Edward Weissman

1. Announcements

- a. Sarah reported on her meeting with Don Randel and Bidy Martin to discuss the Carl Kroch bequest. The Library was given the total bequest as an add-on to the budget. The \$7.6 million bequest will result in an additional \$300,000 in the annual Library budget in 2000-2001.
- b. Ross reported that access to the Vet Library during the evening hours and on weekends will require special action due to new security arrangements at the Vet School. He is concerned about the impact on non-Vet School patrons, as he is about restrictions on access to the Law Library by non-Law School users during final exams. Sarah asked Ross to frame the questions and issues for a future LMT meeting.
- c. Sarah announced that the Library has been invited to become a SPARC (Scholarly Publications and Academic Resources Coalition) publishing partner with Project Euclid.

2. Universal returns

Ross reported that the Access Services Steering Committee is actively working on implementing ubiquitous returns--returning items to any unit rather than only to the unit the items were borrowed from. Implementation details need to be worked out to put this into production. Ross will report on progress in this matter at an upcoming LMT meeting.

3. Scholarly Communications Initiative

LMT discussed how best to encourage and promote the emerging systems of scholarly publishing and communications within the Library and the University. Sarah stated her intent to create a new position to coordinate this effort. The coordinator will be responsible for developing an intellectual framework within which the Library can take initiatives. We agreed that the Library should serve as a source of information and expertise on copyright issues on the campus.

4. Emeritus Professors programming

Jack Oliver, the I. P. Church Professor of Engineering, Emeritus, asked Sarah about providing a location for emeritus professors to advertise their availability for informal conversations with students. The idea is that there would be an announcement that an emeritus faculty member would be speaking informally about his or her work, and we would provide a space for students and anyone who was interested to come and talk with the faculty member. Sarah would like to develop this idea. She'd like to see the Library as

a community center for programs involving learning. David agreed to name a coordinator for the Emeritus Professor program.

Minutes recorded by Edward Weissman.