

Cornell University Library

Library Management Team

Notes from the October 27, 1998 Meeting

Attending: *Ross Atkinson*, David Corson, Pat Court, Tom Hickerson, Janet McCue, John Saylor, Ed Weissman

1) West Campus Initiative

The report to Susan Murphy on transforming West campus is available via the web at <http://www.campuslife.cornell.edu/main/> (Click on STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SERVICES RESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE then WEST CAMPUS INFORMATION.)

Sarah has asked Ross and David to read the report and to identify what is relevant to the Library. Should we send Susan any information about the Library in response? Are there any recommendations in the report that we should take into account in shaping library services? Ross and David will report back to LMT.

2) Fire in Collegetown

The fire in Collegetown may well have resulted in the loss of library materials in student apartments. The Library's policy will be to forgive the students of any fines and replacement fees but to request that students return whatever material they can recover (regardless of its condition). We will also ask that they determine whether insurance policies in effect (their own or their parents) cover the cost of the library material lost or damaged and if so, that they submit claims as appropriate.

3) Patron Categories and Borrowing Privileges

Ross reported that with the termination of CHRISP (Cornell Human Resource Information Systems Project) and the implementation of the new PeopleSoft human resources system (and the corresponding switch from using social security numbers to using arbitrary numbers as employee ID numbers in January), Human Resources may no longer be able to provide us with the data extracts that form the basis for our Notis patron file. We may have to write our own programs to extract appropriate employee information. This effort could cause LTD to defer other work in its queue.

Ross distributed a list of patron groups and asked whether we wanted to consider any changes in borrowing privileges for these groups. We decided to leave the existing policies in place.

5) Providing Library Services to Persons With Disabilities

Ross presented the "Recommendations and Guidelines: Providing Library services to Persons With Disabilities (PWD)" www.library.cornell.edu/staffweb/SerDis/SerDisFinal.html, the report of the Task Force on Services for the Disabled, consisting of Stuart Basefsky (Chair), Carmen Blankenship, Janet Gillespie, Nan Hyland and Katie Margolis. The Task Force grew out of the interest and concern of the Instruction/Reference Program Committee. The Task Force met with

Joan Fisher, of the Cornell Office of Equal Opportunity, to insure that its recommendations would comply with OEO policies.

We:

- 1) agreed that, while the report is intended for internal use, it should include a positive statement, e.g., "The Cornell University Library welcomes persons with disabilities to use our facilities and services ...";
- 2) raised questions about the specificity of section III F, signage issues;
- 3) expressed concern that we not commit ourselves to things we can not follow through on, and;
- 4) asked about the availability of university funding to implement some of the recommendations.

Ross stated that the report has been discussed by several public services groups and that he would like each unit to assess its ability to implement the recommendations and their impact on unit-level practices. Taking into account feedback from the units, hopefully before Thanksgiving, LMT will make a final decision with regard to adopting the recommendations.

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