

Library Management Team

Notes from the June 6, 2000 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, David Corson, Tom Hickerson, Janet McCue, Sarah Thomas, Edward Weissman, Susan Markowitz

1. Announcements

- a. Ross reported that vendors are beginning to add acknowledgements to their Web pages giving credit to the libraries paying the licensing/subscription fees. The Cornell University Library logo will soon be appearing on OCLC FirstSearch pages and the statement, "Access to JSTOR is provided by the Cornell University Library" will soon be appearing on JSTOR pages. Ross said that Scott Wicks had and will continue to work with vendors to acknowledge that CUL was paying to bring valuable and expensive information resource to the Cornell community. This acknowledgement is important because it counters the mistaken belief of many faculty that the Library is less important because of what is available "for free" on the Internet.
- b. Ed distributed a brief description of the Cornell University Library that can be used as "boiler plate" in grant applications by faculty. Sarah asked Ed to send this to the Deans and to the Office of Sponsored Programs with a cover letter.
- c. Sarah reported that she and John Ackerman, Director of the CU Press, had met with Richard Eckman of the Atlantic Philanthropic Foundation to discuss a joint CUL and CU Press electronic publishing proposal. LMT briefly discussed some possible outcomes of this joint venture.
- d. Sarah announced that Francille Firebaugh had been appointed Director of Special Projects, Offices of the President and the Provost. She will be working on community relations. Sarah said that she would like LMT to consider how the Library can participate in community relations efforts, for example by providing information literacy training.

2. Library Training Program

Susan Markowitz reviewed the training program during the spring semester, which was dominated by Voyager and computer skills training courses. Voyager training went very well thanks to the tremendous effort on the part of Library Human Relations staff and the Voyager trainers. Susan would like to focus more attention now on supervisory and management training and LMT concurred with this approach. University Human relations is offering a one-day "update" for supervisors who had not been to a recent training program. This could be used as a "springboard" for additional training. The University also offers "leadership training. Susan announced that Linda Bryan has been hired to replace Pamela Rothbard and will start in early July. Linda will be working with departments and units to determine training/consulting needs and to set up appropriate programs.

3. NetPrinting

Tom reported on a preliminary proposal from NetPaper.com to initiate a six-month project to provide remote printing of paper copies from our Historical Math Book Collection. NetPaper.com, a private corporation, has licensed the use of Cornell's Cupid technology for distributed printing and is working closely with Cornell Business Services. It is also working with Rich Marissa of CIT. It plans to focus on universities as information providers with a large international audience of end-users. Remote printing capability will significantly enhance the usability of our digital collections, while limiting our responsibility for the process. It could also be an important component in electronic publishing and any potential partnership with the CU Press. A longer-term project would be based on the findings from this initial test.

LMT discussed the issue of ownership and use. We would have to provide a copy of the files to NetPaper.com and we would want to make clear in the contract that we, and not NetPaper.com, owned the files. Sarah asked Lee to work with Tom in negotiating a contract for the pilot project.

4. CUL-Vet School Collaboration

Don Smith, the dean of the Vet School, contacted Sarah to talk about setting up an annual meeting for the College and the Library to discuss broad concepts that will be defining the programmatic work of the Vet School. Don was referring to emerging priorities in oncology and functional genomics, and how librarians can sit at the table with investigators and researchers in setting the priorities for the school, developing proposals to get funding, and being a full partner in developing academic initiatives. He seems to be proposing that librarians and information specialists move out of the library in a very active sense and participate in a meaningful way in college and research project planning. LMT discussed the extent to which this collaboration could serve as a model for other areas of the Library, and as a possible bridge to future relationships and emphases. Sarah expressed her belief that the Library should be involved in college and department strategic planning and in the setting of research agendas.

5. LMT Fall Retreat

LMT discussed preliminary plans for an LMT retreat in September to assess library service needs in the period 2005-2008 and to see how these service needs relate to library physical space needs. Colleges and other units at Cornell are planning new facilities. How should library facilities fit into this larger picture? The goal is create a master plan for library space across the University.

Minutes recorded by Edward Weissman.