

Library Management Team
Notes from the January 15, 2003 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Karen Calhoun, Lee Cartmill, Claire Germain, Tom Hickerson, Anne Kenney, Janet McCue, Sarah Thomas, Ed Weissman

1) ENCompass

Karen reported on the status of the ENCompass implementation. The May AntiSlavery Collection has been made available through ENCompass and the Implementation Team is turning its attention to migrating the Gateway's e-Reference Collection's metadata and functionality to the ENCompass platform. In addition to the current functionality, the migration to ENCompass will add article level searching and reference linking. Karen hopes to make these ENCompass-based services available in May and run them in parallel with the e-Reference Collection over the summer. The old e-Reference Collection will be eliminated at the start of the fall semester. With the migration to ENCompass responsibility for the system maintenance will transfer from Mann Library's Information Technology Services to the D-LIT Systems Department.

2) Information Technology in the Library

Tom reported on library information technology focusing on staff deployment in D-LIT. The Library has broadened the spectrum of activities it has been supporting over the past 15 years and IT has been a critical component. D-LIT was formed in 1999 and staff was pulled from other areas into D-LIT. There are currently 35 staff in D-LIT, 12 of whom have soft-money appointments of one-year or less. Tom identified the staff and staffing levels associated with the principal areas of technology support activities: the library management system, public and staff computing and network support, digital collections, DCAPS and distributed learning, technology development, electronic publishing, web development and maintenance, networked resources, and general administrative management and support. He indicated that we needed to build up the D-LIT staff skill set in certain core areas, including enterprise/business management, and he recommended that we identify core areas and/or areas of distinctive strength and focus our efforts in these areas rather than spreading ourselves too thinly across a broader spectrum.

3) CU Information Technology Workforce Planning

LMT reviewed a draft of the IT Workforce Planning survey and agreed on a strategy to ensure consistency across the Library in responding to the survey.

Edward Weissman