Cornell University Library

Council of Librarians

Notes from the March 7, 2007 Council of Librarians meeting

Attending: Eric Acree, David Banush, Bonna Boettcher, Eli Brown, Karen Calhoun, Lee Cartmill, Oliver Habicht, Erla Heyns, Peter Hirtle, Anne Kenney,

Zsuzsa Koltay, Marty Kurth, Gordon Law, Jim LeBlanc, Xin Li, Ellen Marsh, Janet McCue, Mary Ochs, Jean Poland, Katherine Reagan, Steve Rockey,

John Saylor, Pat Schafer, Marty Schlabach, Don Schnedeker, Leah Solla, Jaci Spoon, Ed Weissman, and Scott Wicks

1. IT Security

Oliver Habicht introduced Steve Schuster, Director of IT Security at CIT. Steve provided an overview of IT and data security at Cornell, and our responsibilities as stewards of information. A copy of the handout from Steve Schuster's presentation is available at the Library's IT Executive Committee's (ITEC) wiki: http://wiki.library.cornell.edu/wiki/x/514

2. Results from Datamart Survey

David Banush reviewed and presented the results from the Data Mart Survey that he conducted (attached: slides and summary). David will also be reporting his results to CU-Lib.

3. Web Vision Team

Zsuzsa Koltay described the Web Vision Team's initiative to develop a vision for how CUL should present itself and the information landscape to its users, highlighting the unique value that the Library brings to the Cornell community. This team will produce specific recommendations for solutions to be implemented for Fall 2008. The membership is: Zsuzsa Koltay, chair, Adam Chandler, Michael Cook, Carla DeMello, Marty Kurth, and Kornelia Tancheva. Library Communications has prepared a summary of their review of a variety of library sites and their reaction good, bad, or indifferent (attached). The Web Vision Team will be continuing to meet with individuals and departments to continue collecting input.

4. Buy or Borrow

John Saylor described Buy It!, a six-month pilot study that will examine the costs and benefits of buying rather than borrowing certain publications requested by patrons via interlibrary loan. The major reason driving this service is to provide materials our community wants faster--materials we would want in the collection. This method of user access to content is being looked at as a complement to traditional collection development and has been applied very successfully at Purdue University (See attached Powerpoint slides).

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