

Library Management Team

Notes from the January 11, 2000 Meeting

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

1. Announcements

Sarah reported on a discussion about PeopleSoft at this morning's Dean's Council meeting. The University has decided to re-evaluate PeopleSoft implementations beyond the next release (release 8.0) of the Human Resources module. \$25 million will be allocated over the next five years to replace other legacy systems. PeopleSoft software will be the default, but costs and benefits will be reviewed carefully.

The University is gearing up for a major distance learning initiative. Sarah would like LMT to think about ambitious, useful, achievable projects which would benefit both the distance learning and our core user community.

Sarah went over her schedule through the end of March. She will be traveling extensively during this period to raise funds, engender support for library projects and attend to professional responsibilities.

2. Usage Measures for Electronic Information Resources

LMT recommended that Sarah nominate Ross and Christian Boissonnas to attend a workshop in Scottsdale, Arizona at the end of February to plan an ARL project on Usage Measures for Electronic Information Resources. In addition to the cost of attending, institutions participating in the project will contribute to the operational costs of the effort, not to exceed \$10,000 per institution. LMT viewed this as a worthwhile investment given the importance of developing useful performance measures for networked information services as performance measures for traditional library services are stagnant or decline.

3. User Study

LMT reviewed a draft charge from Sarah for a User Survey and Information Needs Task Force and suggested names for Sarah to consider as members. Sarah will incorporate some of the suggestions into the charge and announce the formation of the Task Force.

4. Collaboration With CIT on Instructional Technology

Sarah and Polley McClure have been discussing how best to serve Cornell's instructional technology needs. Both the Library and CIT's Academic Technology Services provide support in this area. Sarah and Polley have agreed to appoint a joint CUL/CIT Task Force to identify the kind of support services that will be needed over the next three to five years and how users would want these services delivered. LMT reviewed the draft charge to the Task Force and suggested names of library staff who might serve on this group.

Minutes recorded by Edward Weissman.