

Library Management Team
Notes from the June 16, 2004 Meeting

Attending: Karen Calhoun, Lee Cartmill, Pat Court, Tom Hickerson, Anne Kenney, Janet McCue, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Ed Weissman

1) Announcements

Sarah reported briefly about the contract signing ceremony at the Huntington Free Library in New York City yesterday. This event, which was reported in today's New York Times Metro Section (p. B6) gives Cornell ownership of the Huntington's historic Native American collection of books and manuscripts.

Sarah also reported that, based on further discussions with university administrators, planning would again get under way to incorporate the Language Lab into space within either Olin or Uris library.

Anne announced that effective July 1, David Wyatt, emeritus professor in the History Department, will serve as the interim curator of the Echols Collection on a part-time basis.

Pat Court announced that the Law School is creating a technology position that will be designated primarily to supporting Law Library needs.

2) LARIS Workforce Planning

LMT discussed the process to be used to plan for and implement a fully integrated but distributed technical services operation for the Library. In May the Workforce Planning Oversight Team led by Vice President Ainslie endorsed a recommendation that the Library integrate its technical services operations into a unified function that will result in clear direction, efficiencies, and savings. At Sarah's request, Karen has developed a scenario that envisions centralization of responsibilities for ordering print monographs and for their processing, and a combination of centralized and distributed work for other aspects of technical services. LMT discussed Karen's scenario and a draft charge for the planning and implementation team that is being formed. Karen will review the scenario with the Technical Services Executive Group this afternoon.

3) Campaign planning

Sarah reported on planning for the University's upcoming fund-raising campaign. She attended an all-day retreat on June 8 in which themes for the campaign were discussed.

4) Managing without Ross

Sarah announced the distribution of Ross' responsibilities during his leave of absence. She will distribute the list of assignments in a message to CU-LIB.

Edward Weissman