

Present: Ann Breitenwischer, Scott Atwell, Rick Bearden, Maureen Watson, Kristy Motz, Fran Rosen, Leah Monger, Deborah McGowen, Ali Konieczny, Yuri Konovalov, Jodi Shepherd, Paul Kammerdiner, Richard Cochran

Rick reported on LDAP. He has asked several of us to try signing in using our network/Novell login. There have some issues which are browser issues & Rick knows how to resolve them. One question that came up is whether the network ID will work with MeLCat. There is a way to configure it so that it will work.

Deb checked with UCEL to make sure students are getting send a network ID & Password and it sounds like they are. She will confirm further. They get the information with their admission layer.

Rick said we are well on our way to be able to use barcode just as backup. Kriss will have to get the load of student information as early as possible. Rick said we should be sure we explain to people that they will be using the login name & password that they use with MyFSU. Rick says we'll turn it on this summer & it will definitely be running for the Fall. If the network ID system is down, people will still be able to use barcodes.

Rick said one thing that we do have to figure out is to make sure that patrons are notified about automatic expiration of the network password. We get that notification from Novell but MyFSU doesn't give notifications. Rick will set up a dummy account to see what happens with automatic expiration if people log on directly into the catalog system.

Rick said we still need to work out if patrons will need a barcode to set up an Iliad account. Rick & Dave will talk about how Iliad accounts can be set up.

Ali brought up that she is working with Pharmacy adjuncts to get them access, and it was suggested that they might not need barcodes. Rick said that should be true. We discussed if there will be any need for barcode functionality. Rick said they shouldn't be, except maybe for book borrowing. But if they don't have a barcode & come to the library & have a MyFSU account, it should be OK. They can get a card from us. Paul pointed out that if the library isn't pushing for off-campus students to get IDs that will fall by the wayside.

Deborah pointed out that this change will make it easier to promote the library to off-campus patrons. Rick said that the key is that we need to get the students in the student loads and we'll have to be diligent about getting student loads. We have to be clear, all LDAP does is look at the database that is used for login info for MyFSU & netware, so people need to be in the database. He explained that when Kriss loads a new semester, if the person exists in the system then the library card expiration date is set to the end of the semester.

Kristy asked if it would be more complicated to deal with situations when people aren't in the system. It will require somebody who has authorization to look up student records in Banner. We discussed who has that privilege, we think it is the full-time staff at the Circ. Desk. Ali asked if we'll still have a mechanism for a guest login and Rick said we can still have a dummy barcode & pin since barcode & pin will still be available as a backup system.

Rick reported that he was successful in getting a link to a Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) title to go directly to the title, so now Yuri can add links to the records. Rick & Yuri will make sure all e-reference books have links in the catalog.

Rick said that once all the GVRL titles are added the list of titles in the e-reference section will be very long & wondered if it should be divided into alphabetic sections, or left as is & people will scroll down. When we got back to the topic, Jodi suggested that this be discussed at the Web group meeting instead.

Ann is concerned that we be able to find both print & e-versions of the same title. Yuri said he uses a single record. Rick said they we can use Encore to make sure stuff comes up in the catalog search all together.

Ann reported that there will be a meeting at FLITE on Friday April 27th of the Education & Curriculum Interest Group of the Michigan Library Association. 12 people have registered to come. Yuri, Kristy & Fran will talk about our toy collection, and there will be a tour of FLITE and of other resources on campus.

Richard noted that on Friday there will also be a meeting of the Michigan Academic Library Council (MALC). There will be library directors from Michigan academic libraries, plus the state librarian and Randy Dykhuis from MLC.

Richard said he talked to President Eisler this morning. There was a follow-up meeting about the VPAA search. Richard isn't interested in the job. President Eisler mentioned the UAP and said he was disappointed at the brevity of the presentation to the Cabinet; he wanted further understanding of what our intentions are. The President asked Richard if we have ongoing budget requirements. Richard said yes. They talked about the service spot on the 1st floor; which would provide space for Librarians & IT people to be at the same service point. Richard said it would require some rebuilding. President Eisler liked the idea and recognizes that there is a functional difficulty with the library design; he encouraged Richard to try to get the modification done this summer & said he would support it.

Richard emphasized that the successor to Michael Harris will be Provost, 1st among equals. The President is talking about having a monthly meeting which includes the Deans, the Provost, and the other VPs. Richard felt that the president was extending an

olive branch to encourage further communications. Richard will send last year's budget memo to the president.

Richard mentioned LibQual and said we are talking about having focus groups. One would be on Resources, because there were comments from Health Sciences patrons about resources. Ali, Maureen and Fran all said "What comments?" Richard said a copy of the comments, as edited and classified by Leah, will be put in the staff lounge for people to see, plus there will be a couple of information sessions.

Kristy mentioned the prize ceremony & Patron Appreciation Day, which she said was a very positive thing.

Ann asked if there had been any more information about the consultant and the strategic plan process. Richard missed the recent meeting of the consultant with the Deans and he doesn't know the next stage. Ann and some other people went to the general meeting. She said we are going to set up a SPARC (?) group; and Dr. McFarland had a list of titles of people who will be part of it. Somebody brought up that alumni should be involved. There will be a sizable group, and Dr. von der Osten will chair. It will be a global, university-wide process, and then plans by division. A big issue will be the Mission Statement, and then maybe a vision statement, and value statements.

Richard said the President also talked about budgeting. He said it should be more in the hand of Deans. Richard feels that the role of the Provost is to prioritize things for the campus as a whole. Richard says the Deans are concerned about launching into planning without a permanent Provost. One question is where do the UAPs fit. A lot of this will go forward Fall semester, there will be a lot of meetings.