Librarian's Meeting.   June 22, 2010   notes by Fran Rosen

Present: Ali Konieczny, Kristy Motz, Stacy Anderson, Maureen Watson, Yuri Konovalov, Ann Breitenwischer, Rick Bearden, Melinda Isler, Emily Mitchell, Mari Kermit-Canfield, Dave Scott, Randall Schroeder, Scott Atwell, Fran Rosen

Rick said that we are looking at a product from Innovative called AirPAC (http://www.iii.com/products/airpac.shtml). The old version is pretty simple and the new version seems to work really well on iphones, blackberries, etc. We want to make a mobile-friendly catalog available. The initial cost is around $3K, and there won't be a lot of expense for upkeep. Since it is from Innovative there should be no compatibility issues.

Rick said that Leah asked him to ask about rescheduling the August Librarians Meeting. Fritz Ericson and Dave Eisler are coming to meet with us for 15 minutes on Wednesday August 24th from 8:30 to 8:45. Leah wondered if we should move the Librarians Meeting to right after the meeting with the President & Provost. However several librarians pointed out that the FCTL will be presenting a day of faculty-education activities focused on student retention, and librarians may wish to attend, so Rick will tell Leah that it isn't a good idea to reschedule the Librarians Meeting and we will stick with Tuesday August 23rd.

Randall talked about the charge for the "FLITE Chat Service Usability Study project." He sent everybody the draft. Randall said that a couple of months ago Dave sent out a note suggesting we should do a usability study to determine our Chat software. This charge is for the Web Team. Randall mentioned that he would modify the draft by adding one more bullet point, because he would also like the Team to consider that adding text or SMS would preferably not add to the cost. Randall mentioned that he had pushed the due date back on Rick's advice, but that he did want to maintain a due date. CMU has just brought up LibraryHelp and librarians from FLITE went to CMU to see how it works. Melinda pointed out that the Web Team can look at available software and functionality, but the service model is not within the purview of the Web Team. Randall said he sees the Oval Information Desk remaining the hub. He feels that if we scattered the Chat service then we'd have increased chance of things falling through the cracks. Rick clarified that what Randall wants is a report with the pros & cons of different software options, and a table of features available. Randall said he would accept majority & minority reports if members of the Web Team disagreed about the relative merits of the different software. Ann said we also have to work out our model of how we present Chat (and other options) to the user; she stressed that software is one thing but our delivery mechanisms are also important. Rick said the current web design reflects our understanding that some tools must always be visible, but maybe we could discuss where is the best place for those tools to be; he stressed that we want to make sure that help is available on every page, and in the same place on every page. Randall asked that we define our needs and pick the software that meets them. There was a vote and everybody

voted to approve the charge. Randall will add his extra bullet point, and he will ask Leah to sign & date a copy to indicate the Dean's approval.

Fran & Rick mentioned that there will be a change in the Wilson databases. Wilson Select, which we get through MeL, will move to WilsonWeb on August 1st. The Wilson A&I databases are available for the next subscription year (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) either on FirstSearch or on WilsonWeb. Rick wants to look at moving the Wilson A&I databases to WilsonWeb. He hopes that it will be set up like it is now, with the A&I databases linking directly into WilsonSelect's full text without having to go through SFX. Fran said Wilson has put everything on WilsonWeb for us to look at & she will send Rick the details.

Maureen is retiring. Her last official day in August 13th, her last actual day will probably be around August 1st. She isn't sure what Optometry will do, everybody has been away at a conference so she hasn't had a chance to talk to them. The next accreditation visit for Optometry is 2012. Maureen pointed out that there is a dedicated reading room in the new building. Randall said Thank You to Maureen for everything she's done.

Yuri mentioned that he is presenting at next week's InFLITE on cataloging and hoped everybody will attend even if they think cataloging might be a little bit dull.