

Librarian's Meeting.

June 23, 2009 notes by Fran Rosen

Present: Emily Mitchell, Stacy Anderson, Randall Schroeder, Melinda Isler, Rick Bearden, Scott Atwell, Kristy Motz, Ali Konieczny, Fran Rosen, Dave Scott, Leah Monger, Ann Breitenwischer.

Rick reported issues in getting Refbase working off campus and said these would be resolved soon. He also mentioned that there will be a secondary copy so that it will always work, at least on campus.

Leah reported that the Deans discussed replacing the SAI (Student Assessment of Instruction) evaluation tool. They are looking at a product from IDEA, which is nationally normed, would be cheaper, and can be customized to outcomes. It has been used by the Humanities and Social Sciences departments and there will be an extended pilot in the Fall. Leah said that Michelle Johnston & Leroy Wright are working on a mini leadership conference for student leaders. She said Don Flickinger presented a draft policy on students who need to take a temporary absence for temporary active military duty; recently a student was penalized for such an absence and so there needs to be a policy to cover such occurrences. FSU is also working on emergency plans, and is gathering succession contact information and also defining essential services.

Leah said there was a lot of talk in Dean's Council about dealing with contracts for people teaching online courses. One question is how much is FSU spending on online courses when full-time faculty members spend some portion of their activity on online courses. In the past this has been calculated by assessing faculty costs at a fixed rate. The College of Professional & Technical Services has been covering some online faculty costs. The VPAA's office will pay for adjuncts and overload faculty.

Leah reported that Dan Burcham has a draft of where the 2% budget reductions are coming from. Kim W. has sent out draft FY10 budgets which don't reflect the 2% reduction because the 2% hasn't been called back yet; she has asked that we put the money in a special fund & hold it until it is called back. Dan said that thus far 125 students have come to revise their financial aid applications because of loss of parents' income; this is a much higher than usual number.

Leah asked about the tabs in MyFSU; she will talk to Kristen Salomonson about why faculty librarians don't see the MyAcademics tab. Librarians need to have access to that tab, but don't need to have access to the Advising channel. Ali has informed the Portal Group that librarians don't have our role set up correctly in Banner.

Fran said that Proquest has offered to delay the next price increase for the Historical Newspapers for 1 year and we would save very little if we canceled some and kept 2 titles. There was agreement to keep all 6 titles for another year. Several people commented that we should use the year to identify people who are using these resources and work with them to find other solutions.

Fran asked about switching to the Biography Resource Center from Gale. There was general agreement to do that. We will cancel the Biography Reference Bank subscription when it comes up for renewal in October. Leah asked if there are MARC records like we have for Literature Resource Center, and Fran said she would check on that.

Ali stated that we need a cancellation policy for electronic resources regardless of the budget line. She wants to avoid in the future some of the problems that occurred with the RefWorks cancellation: not enough organized discussion, no evaluation of equivalent resources by people using/teaching it; and a bad timeframe. She would like us to set up a procedure for future cancellations that would ensure adequate communication, more meetings/discussions; adequate evaluation; a more reasonable time-frame; and accountability. Fran presented a draft policy at the Spring 2008 liaison meeting which was distributed. There was some discussion. Rick proposed that a working group be formed to put together a proposal to bring to the librarians meeting. He said that Ali has raised some important points, and we do need to lay out timelines. Stacy, Ali & Fran volunteered to be a working group. Leah said that she is a little concerned that the budget situation might get bad quickly and we might need to make decisions without a lot of time; Rick suggested that in that case we could compress the time frame but still carry out the steps.

Leah said there will be a 2009 upgrade to Millennium; they are looking at doing it on a Monday in August when FLITE closes at 5 PM.

Rick said there was nothing new from the Dean's search, they are still talking to references and will make a recommendation about candidates that should be brought to campus.