

Present: Yuri Konovalov, Deb McGowan, Alison Scott, Ann Breitenwischer, Richard Cochran, Paul Kammerdiner, Kristy Motz, Fran Rosen, Leah Monger, Joe Weber, Scott Atwell, Melinda McMartin, Rick Bearden, Julia Buryk, Dave Scott, Maureen Watson.

Richard thanked the RIS Librarian search committee for bringing in the candidates.

Richard announced that at the most recent FLACC (department heads) meeting there was discussion about the purpose of the all-FLITE meeting. They discussed the overlap of information & felt there is unnecessary duplication in meetings. Richard said that the purpose of the all-FLITE meeting is to share information to everyone all at the same time. He wondered if once/month is the right frequency, and also what should the content be? The original purpose was to showcase individuals and have reports from department heads. He would like us to think about what we think would be good content appropriate for such a meeting. He has asked the department heads for programming ideas, and is proposing that the all-FLITE meeting happen once every other month. There will be a meeting in August so that Richard can introduce the IT people who are moving into FLITE.

Richard told us that there is a search committee set up to search for Joni's replacement. They had 43 applicants for the job; the initial top group has 6 people in it including a couple of internal candidates.

At the most recent Technology meeting it appeared that the transitions in IT are going smoothly. Also, by the end of the summer we will be able to dock laptops to projection facilities in the seminar & Instruction rooms. There will be written instructions on how to use the new features. Julia and Sharon will work with Scott Claerhout on getting the instructions written so they are clear. Rick said that rooms 214 & 133 currently have a cable; the hard part in those rooms is figuring out what button to push & knowing that you have to change a setting on the projector. We can't set it up so that the projector can sense everything about the input so clear instructions are important. The projectors will work with Macs if the Mac has the right adaptor. It was suggested that we purchase a couple of adaptors to have available for people to use.

Rick said he will get SNAGIT installed for everybody and asked who needs it. We now have v. 8 which is a dramatic improvement. Everybody without v. 8 can get it installed. Ann asked if it could be installed on the Reference machines, and Julia suggested that the Ref department should figure out cleaning out the Reference machines because they are full of stuff.

Rick discussed work done on Find A Periodical (FAP) and SFX linkage. We had a number of titles that didn't give a result because the title didn't have an ISSN. Now Rick & Tammy have it set up so that it will look for a title if there is no ISSN. We should note that there might be multiple publications with the same title so it might bring up a box with several titles for you to choose from. Most of Access World News is now available

through FAP because of this change. (The link goes to the front page of either America's Newspapers or Access World News) (There is still a problem with the Flint Journal).

Julia wanted to know if we could add a title manually but Rick said that would be difficult since SFX requires parameters from the vendor. Ann said the newspapers are hard to manage because of all the changes. The Michigan newspapers changed just a couple of weeks ago & they dropped some key Michigan newspapers.

Yuri brought up the fact that FAP is a great tool but he thinks people need to know where it is. He noticed that both candidates we had seen so far referred to the OPAC to find a journal. Yuri wants a link to FAP on the catalog page, so people see there is one resource mainly for books, and one for periodicals.

This generated a lot of discussion about the placement of the Find A Periodical link, and also whether it should be called Find A Periodical or something else. There were strong arguments made that FAP should be more visible, and that it leads to resources that users otherwise do not know that we have. There is some concern that students don't know what a "Periodical" is, and don't know that FAP leads to journals, newspapers, magazines, etc. Other people brought up that if we make FAP more prominent that the Databases link then students will go to FAP and not to the Databases page. There were several comments about the importance of talking to the users and seeing what they want. We also talked about the fact that we have different types of users, including faculty who might want to find a citation, students who need databases, and distance education students who haven't been through an Introduction to the Library and won't necessarily find things that aren't on the library home page. Nothing was resolved but there were suggestions that we should look at the library's home page and think about what should be on it, and do some focus groups to figure out whether our users can find the resources.

Julia brought up the handout she is working on for faculty orientation, and we talked about promoting FLITE services. She also mentioned the FLITE showcase, and that we need to have a new display for when school starts.

Richard commented that at the FLACC meeting he asked department heads to look at the New Faculty Orientation presentation. That is being worked on so that everybody will know what their role will be. Richard is glad we are doing a handout. He also said that Media Productions will help us with stuff but they don't want to invent the content; it is up to us to develop the products & then work with them.