

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

Richard told us about the DDH retreat for a recruiting, selection & retention workshop. The VPAA is interested in helping people make better choices & improve the hiring process. Mostly the library is aware of these things. We need to make sure we are looking to learn what candidates are interested in, and we need to speak to the issue of meaningful work. Joe added that there were a few useful specific suggestions about checking references. The presenter recommended asking a broad/general question up front, such as "If I were to hire this individual, what would I be getting?" There was a book given out at the workshop that we will add to the collection. Joe said the workshop was an affirmation that FLITE is on the right track.

Richard reported about a meeting of the Michigan Academic Library Council. They talked about taking a look at the strategic planning that was done 10 years ago. They noted that a number of things they set out to do have been accomplished, such as MeL, ILL (statewide delivery system), MeLCat. There have been other proposals that should be discussed, such as resource sharing, and a shared offsite storage facility. Tim Richards of UM-Dearborn will chair a group to organize another statewide meeting to discuss future plans. They discussed the question of information literacy, and the role libraries can play in raising levels in the state, including working with K-12 institutions. There needs to be participation of libraries at a state-wide level, libraries have an important role. There will be a report at the Michigan Library Association meeting in October. Nancy Robertson, the state librarian, will be involved in this effort. Also, Randy Dykhuis (executive director of MLC) is bringing a group together to discuss offsite storage. There will be a meeting next week. U. of M. has said they are willing to host this but there are issues, so it probably won't be hosted by U. of M.

Rick announced that Melissa from Media Productions is available to do photos for profile pages. Rick will put up the new interface for Infotrac. Rick is working on bringing up access to the Electronic Reference Books, and wanted input on how can we make these available to students & faculty in a way that will make sense. Rick suggests putting up a page for E-Ref materials, and divide it by subjects. There are some snags. The Oxford Digital Reference Shelf titles are each on a different domain so it will take a lot longer to get all the links right. Rick isn't sure how the Gale titles will work. The StatRef titles would also be included here. There was some discussion.

Some thoughts were that it would be good if StatRef also remains linked to from the databases page. Also, it would be good if the E-Reference titles are in the catalog, with a link. Our subject guide should point to the new resources. We'll have multiple links to these resources so people will have different ways to get there. We concluded that we would use the word Reference. Julia wondered about a link to ebrary, since students don't necessarily distinguish between reference books & general titles. We also

discussed promoting these titles, through emails, including (maybe) targeted group emails. Maureen suggested that we can target specific classes, like the biology capstone class. Kristy said she thinks it will be fine to have the titles grouped into an Electronic Reference category, and she also agreed that multiple access points will be helpful for the students. Ann emphasized the need to work with the faculty.

Rick reminded us that if we get calls from off-campus students that procsy isn't working for a particular journal, we need to make sure we tell Tammy the name of the journal and, if possible, what database they started from. We do a monthly update with information from SFX, and SFX is now splitting up some publisher groups into smaller groups of titles. Some of these smaller groups don't have procsy turned on automatically so that might be the problem.

Joe stated that the long awaited laptop checkout policy has been implemented. There are 5 laptops available. Also, interim FLITE hours will be posted on the web. FLITE will be open regular hours on Saturday August 26th.

Leah brought up that the Innovative salesperson at MIUG announced that the new release would be out any minute. We need to tell them what WebPacPro enhancements we want to turn on.