Librarian's Meeting.   October 5, 2006   notes by Fran Rosen

Present: Richard Cochran, Paul Kammerdiner, Yuri Konovalov, Alison Konieczny (nee Scott), Leah Monger, Fran Rosen, Deborah McGowan, Melinda McMartin, Rick Bearden, Scott Atwell, Joe Weber, Dave Scott, Kristy Motz, Ann Breitenwischer, Jodi Shepherd, Julia Buryk, Maureen Watson

Richard passed around the original proposal for a website review team; and said he thought that this proposal had worked well and is a good place to start. When the faculty meets, our improvements on this process will help in dealing with team concepts. Rick said we'd be meeting to talk about process as soon as we go through tenure reviews.

Richard received a copy of a memo detailing proposed IT support as far as the server room is concerned. This was discussed at the FLAC meeting and there are deep concerns. Richard will discuss it with the VPAA. The proposal recommends a transition for support but it isn't clear who the recommendation is addressed to, or who gave them the authority. Richard is concerned about division autonomy. The memo says that FLITE's needs will be handled the same way as other servers at FSU, which means the IT people will be deciding on priorities; we'd be thrown into the same queue as other people around campus.

There was discussion about hiring our own people, and having autonomy. There are also questions about the North Service Desk, and whether service there will go til 10 or til midnight. Richard says this all reflects some university-wide issues.

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of a new position in LSO. Richard pointed out that there are money concerns at Ferris because there was less of a tuition increase than what Ferris expected, plus there is a shortfall of new freshman. But we could look at trying to get a faculty position with technological responsibilities. This discussion can be carried forward in LSO.

Richard summarized recent conversations about outcomes assessment. This includes knowing what the Higher Education Commission will be looking at for accreditation. The group that is working on assessment will meet with Robbie Tiant and maybe Doug Haneline. This will be an open meeting and all will be invited.

Rick brought up the issue of Find a Periodical on the web page. He said there had been a suggestion to put a Find A Periodical tab on the OPAC. Jodi said that sometimes when students need to find a journal they use the OPAC and this would be a way they could go to the OPAC and also have a way to look for the journals that don't have Bib records, or that we only have electronic access to. Everybody liked that idea and there was some discussion about what the label would be, and what kind of help can be provided for understanding the OPAC tabs. Also, would we replace a tab? Paul says people use the author+title tab if they are looking for literary works. Rick will put something up so people can look at it.

There was some discussion about other web pages and what they do. Rick is working on a prototype of a citation linker. Ann asked about the status of the new Millenium interface. Rick said there have been reports of problems with WebPacPro so he wants to hold back & wait. Ann brought up whether we should have links on our home page to other important campus initiatives, like the American Democracy Project or Political Engagement Process. Rick & Fran thought it has more effect if we have a presence on their web pages, with links to library resources. Melinda mentioned that there is a functionality in the display case software that allows you to link from a display back to a web page. Melinda also said we should encourage academic programs to do displays.

Joe said that Richard had asked him to put together a noise policy, he has a 2nd draft which he will distribute. It tries to codify some things we are already doing: quiet zones, turn off cell ringers, etc. Ann said that sometimes people want the librarians at the Reference Desk to help control noise. Also, Richard is working with Kent about signage designating quiet zones. Content about library etiquette will also be put on the signs by each computer.