

Present: Joe Weber, Leah Monger, Yuri Konovalov, Rick Bearden, Fran Rosen, Julia Buryk, Maureen Watson, Scott Atwell, Paul Kammerdiner, David Scott, Ray Dickinson.

The bulk of the meeting was taken up discussing the Acquisitions Budget and the prospect of a 1-time allocation of \$100,000 for resource acquisitions.

Fran passed out a handout which showed expenditures for 2005 and current & expected expenditures for 2006 in broad categories. She said she didn't have a good plan to spend \$100K of 1-time money because most of what people want are subscriptions of various types. She also proposed that less money be given to Yankee next year, and some previously ear-marked book money be moved to electronic resources, specifically ebrary, a proposed Sage e-journal package through MLC, and the Elsevier Science Direct renewal, either through MLC or by ourselves. For FY 2006 we gave Yankee \$250K, and Fran is proposing reducing that by an as-yet unspecified amount, but with the result being not less than \$200K.

Some librarians were concerned about losing book money. There was discussion about how this wouldn't be an automatic formulaic reduction, but that spending patterns and need would be looked at. Also, Joe pointed out that the initial allocations are done based on \$200K, so initial allocations would not need to change.

There was some discussion about other things that we might need or want. We agreed that we should propose funding for an initial year of an ebrary subscription (pending Rick & Julia checking out some technical issues) to come out of the 1-time \$100K allocation, as a pilot project. We also talked about Reference Books that we might want to get, including the Oxford Digital Reference Shelf, some Science titles from Wiley, an encyclopedia, etc.) This will be investigated further. Julia, as the Digital Resources librarian, will be involved in investigating resources and figuring out what to purchase.

Some librarians pointed out that journal subscriptions and perhaps journal backfile acquisitions, are the most important thing. Fran pointed out that we've added significant numbers of journal subscriptions and are planning to add more through the MLC e-journal packages; and she also asked that requests be sent to her so she has a sense of what people want to get.

The consensus was that we should work up a plan to spend the \$100,000 based on spending some on 1-time purchases, using some for subscriptions and plan to propose an additional allocation toward our base in the future, and using some for pilot projects like ebrary that would require additional money to be added to our base in the future, but only if they are successful.

Fran will be communicating back to everybody more about this plan. We would like to have something finished for Richard by the end of February.

## OTHER ISSUES:

Also, Paul passed out a proposed job description for his position. He is proposing that we drop the “Assistant Coordinator” title, and just make the position a Reference and Instruction Librarian. We will talk about this posting at length at a future meeting.

Melinda mentioned the Institutional Repository. She had emailed out the initial report. Comments, including noting typos, can be sent to Melinda. She also asked for suggestions for test collections.