

Library Management Team

Notes from the December 21, 1999 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, David Corson, Tom Hickerson, Janet McCue, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Edward Weissman

1. Announcements

Sarah reported on a discussion about PeopleSoft at this morning's Dean's Council meeting. A decision whether or not to continue with the PeopleSoft implementation will be made soon.

Sarah also reported that a donor has agreed to provide funding for a new undergraduate business education program in CALS. In order to support this new program, CUL's collection will have to be strengthened. Ross and Janet will survey the collection to determine the needs and Sarah will let Vice Provost Bert Garza, who is spearheading this initiative, know that we will need funds to be earmarked for this purpose.

Ross announced that he will be asking units to designate a "disabilities representative" in accordance with the recently adopted CUL disabilities policy. Unit representatives will be invited to a workshop developed by Library Human Resources this spring to go over the policy and related issues.

2. Guide to the Cornell University Library

While the Guide to the Cornell University Library is well-written and attractive, Sarah would like to take a fresh look at this publication. She will talk to Martha Walker about making a few changes for the 2000-2001 academic year and she asked Ross to draft a charge and suggest names for a working group to gather examples of publications from other institutions, to rethink what we are presenting and how we are presenting it, and to create an outstanding publication. The group should be prepared to present its recommendations to LMT in October 2000 to allow enough time to incorporate their recommendations for the 2001-2002 academic year.

3. Electronic Publishing Initiatives

Sarah reported on three CUL electronic publishing initiatives that are in varying stages of development:

- a. CUL-CU Press collaboration: CUL will work with the CU Press to make CU Press publications available digitally. The digital versions will be available for free access by the Cornell community. A proposal has been sent to a private donor who expressed interest in this concept.
- b. Project Euclid: a discipline based repository of mathematics publications. CUL will solicit small journal publishers and offer the expertise and the technical infrastructure to allow their journals to be published electronically. Other publications, such as the 571 titles in the Cornell University Math Collection, will also be included. The Mellon Foundation invited CUL to submit a proposal by the end of January.
- c. A Repository for Cornell Faculty Publications.

4. Public Printing

Ross reviewed the two issues LMT must deal with. We must replace the current dot matrix printers--they are old, slow and noisy. We must decide whether and in what

circumstances to charge for printing. The Public Services Executive Committee recommended that, at a minimum, there be no charge for users to print bibliographic citations from the library catalog. Jean reported that Indiana provides users with accounts which allow a certain number of pages to be printed for free. Any pages printed beyond that number entail charges. This allows users to allocate their printing throughout the semester and allows the Library to put a ceiling on its printing costs. David suggested that we make sure with the implementation of Voyager that multiscreen records print on one page. Ross will determine the replacement needs for the dot matrix printers now deployed. Lee will order a few "quiet" dot matrix and a few inkjet printers for us to test. The cost of current free printing will be reviewed to assist in the decision-making. Sarah will talk with Polley McClure about the importance of coming up with a "campus-wide" solution.