

Minutes
Public Services Council
March 9, 2007
9:00 AM, Green Room

Present: Burnam, Della Lana, Derr, Gao, Green, Holliger, Kinzer, Szabo, and Zavar.

I. Announcements

A. Public Services Librarian Search – As reported by Tom, all the advertising for the position has been issued, including March C&RL News. The search committee is made up of Tom, Joy, Paul, Paula White from the Education Department, and Rosalind Scott, Affirmative Action representative. The application deadline is March 23.

B. Faculty Workshops – Tom enumerated that 12 faculty turned out for Tim Rhodus's presentation about using podcasting in teaching. Nine faculty members brought sample material to Chuck's workshop on Digitizing Audio.

C. Tom accounted that the MISO survey taken place. He expects the results by the end of the month.

D. The CONSORT college directors decided to circulate all audiovisual media in member libraries. The increased availability of these materials will begin after spring break.

E. MetaLib: MetaLib is federated database/catalog software. It is used by OhioLINK to enable what used to be called "subject cluster searching" and is now called "Quick Search @OhioLINK." By using keywords, users can search several databases and the OhioLINK catalog simultaneously. The CONSORT college directors approved purchase of MetaLib licenses in order support federated searching of both OhioLINK provided databases, databases subscribed to by individual libraries, and the library catalog. Tom announced that the MetaLib search engine will be launched in the fall. He suggested that one explore Yale's federated search capability to get an idea as to where the Five Colleges are going.

F. ebrary: Mike Zeoli of ebrary conducted on February 27 training for this new vendor of e-books that we will be adding to our collection. Ebrary will add 34,000 titles. Its downloadable "reader" allows users to type in personal notes on the electronic pages, highlight sections of text, and get "click-on-definitions" by "mousing" over a word. The ebrary collection is currently being loaded into CONSORT. We have entered into a one-year contract with ebrary.

II. Area Reports

A. Tom: He has been engaged in teaching, book ordering, and started a three-year term on the OhioLINK User Services Committee. He is serving on the search committee for a new IS programmer, chairing the Public Services Librarian search, and directing the development of new Read posters. He indicated that three new posters will probably be added this year.

B. Pete: He attended the Music Library Association/American Society of Music joint conference in Pittsburgh earlier this month. He is serving as the affirmative action representative for a faculty search in the Music Department. He has spent some time on weeding in Sanborn Music Library.

C. Paul: His time has been taken up with book ordering, serving as the affirmative action representative on a search committee for a faculty position in the Physical Education Department, and chairing the LIS staff retreat planning committee.

D. Kristine: She has been teaching in classes in the English and Journalism departments. She has providing research support in the University Archives. She will be attending the Midwest Archivists Conference in Columbus later in the spring. Theresa has asked her to study the implications of acquiring the digital materials about Branch Rickey from the Library of Congress.

E. Marsha: She is experiencing the seasonal increase in interlibrary loan activity. She has been asked to conduct a demonstration of ILLiad for her counterpart at the College of Wooster. She mentioned that the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) is taking a more aggressive tact against illegal downloads of video and audio material by college students by means of campus networks.

F. Joy: She gave a presentation to the student Investment Club and conducted a tour of Beeghly for a Delaware High School class. She indicated that OWU will not take on the congressional hearing collection as has been discussed in the government documents group to which she belongs. President Huddleston has invited her to serve on the Commission on Racial and Cultural Diversity which he is forming.

G. Chuck: Under the direction of new Dean of Academic Affairs, Chuck Steinmetz, Chuck has been working on classroom audiovisual upgrades around campus. This project entails removing obsolete equipment. He is involved in the human interest clips being featured in Connect2OWU. He reported that a significant increase in the number of downloads for OhioLINK digital films.

H. Bernard: In addition to supervising the Circulation Desk and managing ERes issues, he has been busy with training students, and his assistant, Thomas.

I. Carol: Her official hours now are 8:30 – 12:00, 1:00 – 5:00 in the Archives of Ohio United Methodism (AOUM). She has been reviewing the LIS home page content in relation to charges for reproduction and commercial use of Special Collections materials. Her continuing education efforts will concentrate on attending various United Methodists Conferences. She passed around for review the first printed volumes of the Index to the Ohio Wesleyan Magazine which resulted from the generous efforts of Anne Fry, Emerita Professor of Zoology.

III. Next Meeting

A. 9:00 AM, May 4, 2007, Green Room

B. Recorder: Chuck Della Lana

IV. Adjournment