

**University of Tennessee Library Council Fall Meeting
(Conference Call)
December 3, 2013**

Present: Steve Smith (UTK), Charles (Chuck) Julian (UTM), Scott Childs (UTLAW), Sandy Oelschlegel (UTMed), Tom Singarella (UTHSC), Theresa Liedtka (UTC)

Minutes Approval: The meeting minutes from the April meeting have already been approved.

Old Business

- UTLC Purpose from the By-Laws were reviewed
 - o To advance the operations of the University of Tennessee libraries for the benefit of faculty, students, staff, administrators and practitioners. The UTLC develops positions, long-term plans and strategy for library resources and services and communicates these to other University groups and offices including the Faculty Senate, the Office of the President, and the Office of Academic Affairs and Student Success. The UTLC is a coordinating body which acts through consensus around issues of common interest to all University of Tennessee campus
 - o All agreed that it still was applicable

- The joint position for purchasing library resources which was tabled at the April meeting was discussed
 - o Steve explained why he and Tom did not write the job description that was discussed at the last meeting. Tom noted that Steve wanted to wait on it UTLC Electronic Resources Group working with Abbie to see how they progress. There is not much hope of getting funding for a joint position-should we just forget about the idea, or keep bringing it up at each meeting? Discussion followed including the following points:
 - o Have we ever asked the UTLC E Resources group if this is something they support? UTLC E Resources group has supported a similar position in the past. For a brief time 2 years ago there was a .50 FTE position located in UTK which was marginally successful.
 - o Central deals for library resources require central management, but we need to reach critical mass before looking at a joint position again. Discussion followed about what critical mass means and how the backend support for managing access to library resources and gathering and distributing statistics on the use of these resources by each campus for.
 - o There is no central money for position or resources. UT system did not want to take money from other schools, burden for school to support the costs.
 - o UTK's position is that they certainly want to collaborate and do deals, but cannot pay more by working together than it would going it alone; and, also, if discounts are available, UTK should at least be considered for a proportional discount
 - o The decisions made were:

- That it makes sense to have support in one place (central position)
- That we need to have more joint purchases
- That we will not take it off the table, Keep on agenda and evaluate each meeting as we evolve
- Response of the UTLC E Resources group to the directive from UTLC was discussed. The directive was

“Please meet to explore and revise the stated “barriers to cooperation” list that was submitted as part of the report dated March 26, 2013. The Council members do not believe that the barriers are insurmountable. ” Further, the Council would like the Eresources group to develop a proposal moving forward for the year ahead that increases access and/or saves money.

- Some of the UTLC members felt the response was weak and that they did not address the directive with their response. The group appear to have returned the issue to us. The UTLC was hoping for some creative thinking. The platform questions, proration of contracts to address the different start- end dates of contracts and the number of simultaneous users are all issues that could have been discussed and solutions proposed
- Other members thought the group had been working productively and although not as fast as we want, there is movement.
- There are barriers but they are not insurmountable
- Decision was made to circle back to this in light of the request that was generated from the UT Faculty Council meeting which Sandy Oelschlegel attended as Chair of the UTLC.

New Business

UT Faculty Council meeting:

- UT Faculty Council meeting was held on November 20, 2013. The UTLC Chair, Sandy Oelschlegel was invited to speak to them regarding access to electronic resources available through various UT Libraries. Sandy reported that the videoconference was more agreeable than she anticipated. One of the participants made references to curriculum changes that require expanded access to information beyond their own disciplines – new and / or different information. In the end they reiterated they really want all access to all. Sandy and India explained pricing and how it works, they were realistic and knew there was no new money, understood it wouldn't happen quickly. Sandy reported to them on the success of the progress on Master agreements. Although that doesn't increase access, it does speed up purchasing. It was a good opportunity to keep on radar. The faculty want to help.
- As an outcome of this, India Lane's requested a list of recommended core resources with the pricing for access to all campuses, and to identify the funds necessary to remedy the problems where subscription dates being out of synch are a barrier to

central purchasing. She would like to have this so that she can promote the idea with some real numbers.

- Discussion followed about this request including the following topics:
 - o There is no UT system money that anyone is aware of. The only place the money can come from is
 - Additional budget line from legislature
 - System takes money from the campus
 - o Should we ask the UTLC EResources Group to come up with a list so we can respond in positive manner? Some of the UTLC Members felt positively about this project for the following reasons
 - If we were to come up with list of core resources, many of the campuses may have them and may save money.
 - Regarding the proration of contracts to address the different start-end dates of contracts, it has always been thought of as adding cost, if we shorten some contracts rather than lengthening them, we would save money.
 - UT is one of only a few public system where there is no cooperative purchasing, we certainly should have more clout as a group.
 - However, Steve Smith thought it might be a distraction to the work already being done by the UTLC EResources Group.

- Decision was to ask the group to provide a list of recommended core resources with the pricing for access to all campuses, and to identify the funds necessary to remedy the problems where subscription dates being out of synch are a barrier to central purchasing. We will ask for this by the 15th of January, recognizing that it may be difficult to reach that timeline.

UTLC Role in Copyright, Fair Use and Open Access

- India Lanes requested a communication about the libraries potential role “regarding how we inform and educate folks across UT about copyright practices”. In response to this, Sandy Oelschlegel contact the UTLC Members and compiled a list of practices and resources, which were then distributed to the UTLC members. Discussion followed including
 - o Sandy will meet with India and the people she requested to attend the conference call (Karen Adsit- UTC Lifelong Learning, Frank Lancaster- VP in UT Counsel Office, Scott Danforth- UT Press)
 - o Do we, UTLC, have a shared vision on open access, fair use, copyright to include on web site? Should we develop one?
 - Everyone willing to support this idea
 - Decision: Everyone give this some thought, send Sandy words or sentences on such a vision with a Deadline: December 13, 2013

UT Press Director

- India asked Sandy to have the group consider if it would be appropriate for the Director of UT Press-Scott Danforth to be included in UTLC Meetings. The group did

not see that this would be a good use of his time – not as a regular member of UTLC, but agreed that he should be included as appropriate and that he would be a good resource, but many of our issues are not relevant

PARSSL-

- Steve discussed this project and what has been happening
- Steve distributed an executive summary “PARSS L : Preserving the Academic Record of Scientific and Scholarly Literature for the State of Tennessee”
- There is a meeting in January, we can attend or phone in, if you want to attend or sit in – all our welcome
- Hoping to have a document that will provide a cost metric
- This is one of the most serious issues facing us, but it is a hidden issue, I feel it is important we have this discussion at the state level and articulate a solution
- From this group – support, get behind, strong statement from the group supporting the Committee and recommendation to come to some sort of coordinated approach to save most common journals in the State. Stuff duplicated in JSTOR, etc.
- Decision-makers – legislators, chancellors, etc.
 - David Atkins is working with a group to compile list of packages, publishers, and linear feet
 - I have been encouraged by response to date, State seems to want to help
- Steve stated that he hoped for statement from UT and TBR library groups in support.
 - Sandy noted we already have a statement of support from the UTLC in our last minutes
- Decision: Steve will flesh out existing support statement and then we can all review

- UTK, UTSI – on the verge of joining Hathi Trust,

- There will be costs involved and the rest of us can join in, if we wish. Hathi Trust is the CIC equivalent of google book project, anyone in the world can search and find Hathi and even read full text versions, but there are added features from members: download, can do full-text search analysis, etc.
 - In order to become a member, must use shibboleth-in common license, utk library working with shibboleth and have an in common license
 - Costs are minimal, 20-25k for UTK
 - Talk with head of IT on your campus, though I understand for all schools

- Library Updates

- Memphis

- Closing for a month, moving to one floor, probably going to be 6 months, moving 10,000 boxes, working with subcontractors, when we get back everything will be renovated...furniture, restroom, hvac, three phases of renovation, Tom's guess is 6 months to 1 year
- UTHSC already paying above minimum wage
- 2 recruitments – an archivist, web services
- Preston
 - Going to be moving, drawings completed, hospital is building a facility, will start in December, hopefully done in the summer, some demolition
 - Getting a new library position and several part-time associates
 - The library will expand from 8,500 to 10,500 square feet – putting journals in high density storage
 - Enhanced and slightly enlarged space
 - Been waiting since 2009
- Martin
 - New director, information literacy librarian (part of QEP for SACS)
 - Looking at a reorganization and looking at mission and vision
 - Going cash free next semester
 - Designing web site
- Chattanooga
 - New chancellor, provost
 - New building, delayed again
 - Doing library reorganization, launching next week
 - Redoing web site
 - Did okay for budget, one-time money
- Law
 - Hiring a reference librarian, focus on instructional technology
 - Co-hosting regional law librarian conference – about 150 attendees in the spring
 - Uniform electronic legal materials act – adopted 2011 – state could adopt and amend – if a state only publishes law electronically, then it must be the official version, but some method of authentication must be used, made freely available to the public, and archive it
 - Introduced in TN in 2012 – determined it would cost 150k initially, then 60k per year – then it died – being working with one of the uniform law commissioners in TN to determine if it can be done cheaper, but the cost appears to be real, looking at other states, hoping for an open source solution
- Steve
 - Hired data curation librarian – works with office of research, preservation,

- Hired digital humanities librarian – joint funded with provost
 - Approved for funding for Student Success– joint funded with chancellor office
 - Roof being replaced and other renovations
 - Redid web over the summer to bring into compliance with UTK
 - RFP for new integrated library system
- Joint meeting UT / TBR Electronic Resources Librarians is normally in the spring, Sandy will follow-up about UT / TBR Director Group meeting.