

University of Tennessee Library Council

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Nashville

Present: Theresa Liedtka-UT Chattanooga (Chair), Sandy Oelschlegel- UT Graduate School of Medicine (Secretary), Richard Saunders-UT Martin, Tom Singarella- UT Health Sciences Center, Steven Smith-UT Knoxville

**"Joint Position"** The joint position was discussed, Steven Smith was writing up a job description. The current personnel involved in purchasing process were reviewed.

- Abbie Shellist is a system level purchasing staff member.
- Corey Halaychik is a librarian at UT Hodges Library assisting with licensing by working with Blake Reagan in the treasurer's office on master agreements.
- Blake Reagan, Director of Contract Administration at the UT Treasurer's Office is trying to work with vendors to create master agreements that all the libraries can benefit from.

Theresa asked for clarification as she thought that UT and UTK had separate purchasing offices, but that is not the case as central serves UTK.

Discussion about the need for the position followed. Where are the savings? We would have to demonstrate that there would be savings by having the position.

Top 10 databases have been determined in the past, but the individual campuses have not been willing to commit to change from their specific interface to a new one so this option has not been explored in regard to saving.

Ideally UT would centrally fund some common resources and allow campuses to spend local resources on unique needs. This option continues to seem unlikely at UT

The topic of where the position would reside was discussed- would the person be in the system offices, or located at UT Hodges Library, or would they move from campus to campus. No consensus was reached about the position and we will continue discussing at the fall meeting.

**E Resources Group Update**

The Eresources Report, submitted by the UT Electronic Resources Group was discussed, including the barriers that were outlined in the report

*Some of the barriers to cooperation listed by the UT ER Group:*

- *Reluctance to change from one vendor to another for a database that is available on more than one vendor's platform.*
- *Reluctance to change subscription dates for a group subscription.*
- *There is also a lack of funding to prorate subscriptions in order to align them to a single date, which vendors usually require.*

- *Lack of individual administrative accounts for each campus, for obtaining individual institution's usage statistics, changing defaults, etc.*
- *Lack of staff time, on each campus, to deal with cooperative efforts. For each subscription it is necessary to name a Primary Contact, Technical Contact, etc. Those responsibilities must be handled by someone.*
- *Lack of central funding / seed money.*

The UTLC members in attendance acknowledged these issues might exist as it relates to a specific deal, but they did not feel that the barriers listed were insurmountable. Theresa noted that UTC has repeatedly offered to change an interface and expiration dates, but of late no deals have been proposed to suggest such actions. Theresa also noted that the Nature deal required new one-time funds and that was doable.

*A directive was drafted to be sent to the Eresources Group, as follows*

*"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.*

*In regards to the questions asked by the Eresources Group:*

Question: "How many campuses have to participate in order to be part of a UT System deal negotiated by Purchasing? If it is all of them, then what we have in common is health sciences.

Answer: When two or more UTLC Libraries are involved, UT System may assist with the purchase

Question: Will purchasing work on a UT System deal for e-resources in subject areas that UTC, UTK and UTM have in common, like biology, business, history, foreign languages, literature, etc.? It has been suggested that Purchasing look into a "big deal" on databases with vendors like EBSCO, Gale and ProQuest.

Answer: No, if by Purchasing the group is referring to Abbie Shellist. The Eresources Committee should be the driving force in choosing the vendors to pursue big deals based on the common databases and the willingness of libraries to change interfaces.

**Purchasing Update**-No discussion of this report specifically

#### **Identification of New TSERC Representative**

Theresa had previously alerted campuses for the need for a new UT TSERC representative as she has been the representative for three years. Theresa noted that Preston already had a slot on the group as a Special Library Representative. No volunteers stepped forward. Theresa noted Charlie Remy, also from UTC had volunteered to serve.

### **Election of New UTLC Secretary**

Steven Smith, Dean of Libraries volunteered to be the new Secretary for the year ahead and therefore will be the incoming Chair of the UTLC.

### **Goals for the UTLC**

Goals for the coming year were discussed. The following ideas were put forth:

- Facilitate the process of setting up Master Agreements with Library vendors.
- Facilitate meeting of the Eresources Group.
- Ensure that all library related contracts in UT facilitate purchase for all libraries including TBR Libraries.
- Support Print Repository for Legacy Academic Journals Collections in concept and principle.
- Explore the collective purchase E Books.

### **Print Legacy Collection**

Steven Smith discussed the development of a centrally stored collection of scientific and scholarly literature from our journal collections as a "resource in common for the state of Tennessee. The State Librarian, Chuck Sherrill is interested in the concept, and although it is early in the development of the idea, all present agreed it would be a positive move.

### **Library Publishing Coalition**

Steven Smith reported that group called the Library Publishing Coalition has been formed comprised of more than 50 academic libraries (including UTK). The project is funded with IMLS money with the aim to research and support library publishing efforts such as UTK's "Newfound Press". Holly Mercer, Scholarly Communications Librarian at UTK Hodges Library is involved in the Coalition. Also noted that an editor was needed for Newfound Press.

### **Retired and Emeritus Library Privileges**

Theresa noted that she was contacted by UTC HR as UT policy expressly prohibits awarding faculty granted Emeritus status any special privileges. Practices at other campuses were discussed.

### **Campus Updates**

**UT Martin -Paul Meeks Library** - Richard Saunders reported that the Directors position was still not filled. The roof repairs that have been ongoing are complete

**UT Chattanooga- Lupton Library**- Theresa Liedtka reported progress as it relates to the new library building which has a new planned completion date of March 2014. She noted the library is also engaged in a discussion about its current organizational structure and possible adjustments.

**UTK Hodges Library**– Steven Smith reported that the commons renovations are done and there will be a new 1 stop student centered area for student services. It will be open 24 hours a day and is funded by student fees. The campus has an open search for a new CIO.

**UT Health Sciences Center Library**- Tom Singarella reported that there was a new CIO at the UTHSC. They have hired a new librarian for evening and weekend supervision. Dave Armbruster is retired and his position will be replaced with the new proposed position of Archives librarian. The library is involved in the computerized testing of students. A comprehensive library renovation is underway with funding available, but the architects drawing are not completed and the project has not yet been placed on bid. CSA was chosen for furniture and worked with the library on renovation plans, but due to delays, the state contract expired; however, the library still hopes to use them for furniture. The library will be using EBSCO's discovery service tool soon. UT COM Chattanooga at Erlanger asked if the UTHSC library could provide access to library resources for Erlanger doctors and nurses. Because of the cost of adding the employees to all UTHSC library contracts, this was not feasible. At the request of campus administration, the library is working with UTHSC hospital partner Methodist to provide library access to 256 clinical nurse educators locally.

**UT Preston Medical Library**- The plans for building the new library are still in place, but on hold pending funding. Budget cut was requested mid-year requiring us to cut some journals.

Submitted by Sandy Oelschlegel UTLC Chair- July 15, 2013