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Acquisitions Roundtable Minutes  
May 10, 2007   Baruch College Library Conference Room

Attendees: Chip Stewart (CC), Nancy Macomber (QC), Pat Young (CO), Olga Sneider (CO), Marsha Clark (CO) Cecilia Salber (KB), Ann Matsuuchi (BC), Linda Dickinson,(HC) and Njoki Kinyatti (YC) Carol Gee (LC), Dolores Grande (JJ), Maria Kiriakova (JJ), Jennifer Tang (HC), Mike Waldman (BB) and Jane Fitzpatrick (GC), Co-Chairs

Co-chair Jane Fitzpatrick convened the meeting.

Mike Waldman’s co-chair term expired, and Jennifer Tang from Hostos agreed to co-chair the committee next year.

Pat Young submitted ARC (Aleph Reporting) pricing to the Chief Librarians, who will put it on their agenda on Monday, May 14, 2007. Pat has found an old server that can be used to host data if the Chiefs agree to purchase ARC.

Chip Stewart (CC) wanted to know if others use order reports for their selectors. It was agreed that selectors do not generally use the GUI. Chip uses the order index in Aleph to generate the reports. Jane Fitzpatrick (GC) and Pat Young (CO) suggested using budget transactions instead, for more robust and focused data. Ann Matsuuchi (BC) does send yearly reports to selectors.

The commitment and expenditure reports that Pat runs monthly can be used to check for data entry order errors at the local level.

Nancy Macomber (QC) reported a huge backlog at Coutts. Queens will therefore catalog their books themselves after Coutts does physical processing and ships.

Pat reported errors in the Coutts macro that the 949 field was miscoded.

Because of the Coutts backlog, Chip suggested that Pat bump the OCLC upload from four to six months, to avoid sending incorrect holdings to OCLC. As WorldCat becomes more of a searching tool, and because ILL uses OCLC holdings, the importance of correct holdings information increases. A longer time frame for uploads might be better in the spring, when campuses are busy ordering. Ann said that KB does not get money until March.

Pat asked when would be a good time for the reclamation project. Summer 2007 or January 2008 were discussed as possible dates. Only full bib records, i.e. no locally created records, and no records with a STA field, would be loaded.

Bill paying is different on every campus. Some campuses need to provide “sole source” letters for orders over $5000.00, and some even need a second copy of such a letter from the vendor. Some business offices require contract numbers on all purchase orders and invoices. Pat said this will change when the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) is completed, as it will become one centralized system. Work on the ERP has already begun, and a timeline implemented.
Kelli Gonzalez and Eric Moses, from Elsevier, did a presentation on Books on ScienceDirect and Scopus, respectively. They have CUNY-wide prices that they will present to Curtis Kendrick and/or the Chiefs.

After they left, there was a brief discussion of e-books usage. Mike Waldman and Carol Gee (LC) said they were used a lot on their campuses. Pat said that keeping track of e-books titles is a local responsibility.

Nancy brought up the idea of centralized acquisitions at CUNY, but there are too many local constituencies and local practices.

There is currently a proposal from the Council of Chief Librarians to revise portions of CUNY's "Tuition and Fee Manual" relating to library fines and fees, to allow fines to be retained in an account managed by the Office of Library Services for library projects approved by the Council. It will need to be submitted to, and get approval from, the Board of Trustees in order to take effect.

Meeting was adjourned at four.