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CUNY+ Acquisitions Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 4, 2008

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CO Dean Bryan, Marsha Clark, Larry McCue, Olga Snaider

MINUTES

(1) Olga Snaider introduced Dean Bryan, CUNY's new Director of Library Services.

(2) Olga reported that, based on communication from the libraries, the production upgrade to Aleph Version 18 went smoothly for Acquisitions.

- Carol Gee (LE) said when she orders books, the acquisitions page no longer links to the catalog. She has reported the problem to the Help Desk.

(3) New in Version 18:

- to aid in scrubbing the database, the system automatically adds an "SCR" prefix to {numbers in certain fields} on records older than 100 days that are closed (i.e., those with a status of VC, LC, or CLS).

- Additional Orders #1 and #2: Olga to research the function of these new fields and will report to the committee.

- Material Format: a new field that is only compatible with Verde.

(4) The selection process for an ERMS is ongoing. Sunny Yoon from the Office of Library Services is continuing to coordinate the effort.

(5) The implementation of ARC was delayed until Version 18 was installed, but can now proceed. The amount of training necessary will be determined later.

ARC can provide set reports which individual libraries can customize or enhance. ARC is expected to provide easier access to reports (without the current level of permissions needed to generated reports from Aleph).

Chip Stewart (CC) suggested that existing task manager reports be studied to help determine the ARC design. He also stressed the importance of statistics that will be useful in providing data to ACRL and Federal surveys.

(6) Olga will investigate if USD can be set up as the default currency for orders and budget allocations. Currently it is a local decision made in the vendor records.

(7) The Monograph Claim Report is overlaid when updated, so there is not a problem with outdated reports cluttering the system. A lengthy report may mean that libraries need to close items on the report. The committee asked that the report be modified so that Order Date appears in place of Currency Type.

The committee was reminded that reports can be copied to local directories and then manipulated as desired. They can also be copied and pasted into an Excel spreadsheet. Libraries can also generate customized reports through the Index List.

(8) It is unclear how recent budget cuts will affect acquisitions. According to Larry McCue (CO), cuts to Centrally-provided electronic resources are still to be finalized. The committee noted that cuts by Central may affect their own acquisitions needs and would like to be notified of service cuts as soon as possible.

Some libraries reported increased difficulties in paying invoices that do not coincide with CUNY's fiscal year. This is especially problematic for serials and services who typically bill for the calendar year.

EBSCO electronic journals should be covered under the existing contract, as they are still considered journals.

The binding contract has been extended. Business offices should have received notification.

(9) Marsha Clark said that representatives from Coutts will be coming to W. 57 St. to speak with CUNY librarians in early November. A formal announcement will be made to CULIBS.

(10) The next Acquisitions Committee meeting will be:  
Thursday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m.  
(conf. rm. north confirmed)