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MINUTES OF CUNY SERIALS LIBRARIANS MEETING
FRIDAY, NOV. 19, 2004

Present: Sally Bowdoin (BC); Ching Chang (ME); Doug Duchin (BB); Lisa Finder (HC); Jane Fitzpatrick (GC); KaChuen Gee (LE); Ronnie Gomez (QC); Dolores Grande (JJ); Martin Helgesen (CC); Nancy Macomber (QC); Walter Scott (BX); Chip Stewart (CC); Sharon Swacker (NY); Susan Vaughn (BC); Michael Waldman (BB); Pat Young (BH)

1) Pat Young:

a) EBSCO invoices will be tapeloaded for 5 libraries. There was a problem with tapeloading the invoice for GC, but it should be resolved by next week.

b) NAAUG enhancements - Pat strongly urged serials librarians to read serial enhancements, and to give their suggestions to their primary contact.

c) Patch 7 will be implemented over Christmas; it will be in training within 10 days. The training module will be rebuilt; the set of libraries will be identical to those in production, so a separate GUI session will be needed.

d) SFX - ERAC and primary contracts have instructions on how to use SFX in training.

e) ABLE software - CUNY has the license; Ex Libris is looking into documentation problems.

2) Chip Stewart is trying to mount a campaign to get e-publishers (and others) to keep price increases under 5%.

3) The question of cancellation and discarding of serial titles was raised. There was general agreement that an individual library should not discard the last copy within CUNY, but enforcement is difficult. It was suggested that a request for a resolution be sent to the Collection Development Committee of the Council of Chief Librarians.

4) electronic resources. At the last acquisitions/serials meeting a task force for electronic resources was formed, one of whose purposes was to petition ERAC to consider access issues when purchasing electronic resources.

Pat mentioned that she has hesitated to load records for Oxford Reference Online because of the poor quality of the records. The possibility of creating our own file from OCLC records was mentioned.

Many of our older electronic resources records still contain a Check shelf message; Pat is able to change these globally by adding an item process status of Online to any item with a status of Web Resource.

5) EBSCO:

Carl Teresa spoke about the ramifications of industry changes on vendors. He passed out statistics showing that CUNY spending with EBSCO decreased 23% between 2003 and 2004, and 20% between 2004 and 2005. He suggested that when offered discounts by the publishers we should contact EBSCO to see if they can match the offer; it is possible to negotiate with EBSCO, who will then negotiate with the publishers. If we continue to purchase electronic titles directly, our service charge will be increased, although details were not available at this time.

According to EBSCO our contract has expired, and we are receiving annual extensions. EBSCO is meeting with Curtis Kendrick next week.

Before EBSCO arrived there was a brief discussion of how we should handle the possibility of increased services charges by EBSCO. The majority of libraries seem to prefer continuing to go direct. Pat was

asked to invite Curtis Kendrick to the next acquisitions/serials meeting.

6) It was announced that Monica Berger had agreed to serve as chair beginning next year. Unfortunately, Monica is unable to make a commitment at this time, so we are still looking for a volunteer.