

Meeting Minutes
10:30 am – 12:30 pm,
February 17, 2006
Skeen Library, New Mexico Tech
Cooperative Collection Development Group
New Mexico Association of Academic Research Libraries

Present: Joe Becker, NMSU; Cindy Pierard, NMSU; Joan Shedivy, NMT; Linda Lewis, UNM-Zimmerman; Twila Firmature, UNM-Zimmerman; Bruce Neville, UNM-CSEL; Christee King, UNM Health Sciences; Holly Phillips, UNM Health Science, Eileen Cohen, UNM-Law; Stephanie Wical, NMT

1. Introductions and welcome of new members

Cindy Pierard, Holly Philips and Twila Firmature were new to this meeting. Twila is the Electronic Resources Coordinator at UNM Zimmerman Library. Cindy is the head of the Reference and Research Services Department at NMSU. Holly is the Coordinator for Electronic Resources and Access at UNM Health Science Library.

2. Review of our 2006 cancellations and/or conversions (to electronic-only)

NMT: Stephanie Wical reported that NMT Skeen Library asked five departments with relatively underutilized journals to take cuts. The five departments reluctantly cancelled on average 8% of their journals. With library making cuts of popular journals, journal cancellations for 2006 totaled \$22,000. Electronic only conversions saved an additional \$ 12,000 with canceling the print ACS journals accounting for \$5,000 of it.

By canceling the Petroleum Abstracts and INSPEC databases, the Skeen Library saved another \$21,000. For 2006 NMT Skeen Library is using \$72,708 in General Obligation Bond money to make up for the journals costs. NMT negotiated a one year trial for Elsevier's Scopus A & I database.

UNM Law Library: Eileen Cohen reported that the Law Library cancelled the paper versions of Law Reviews. "Why pay for it in 4 different ways?" The UNM Law Library is choosing electronic resources whenever possible.

UNM: Linda Lewis reported that UNM cut over \$350,000 in journals. This figure was less than had been anticipated last year--\$750,000. The UNM Libraries were helped out by some additional money from the university administration. They also used General Obligation Bond money to avoid making deeper cuts. It looks likely that UNM will have to go into canceling databases as the situation of insufficient funding continues. UNM has a 2 million dollar journals budget and a 1 million dollar electronic resources budget.

UNM Health Science: Christee King reported that the Health Science Library underwent a dramatic conversion to electronic only and this saved \$15,000 dollars while also selecting a core group of titles to retain in both formats. The library is now down to 120 print titles (only because these are not available or cost-effective in the electronic format or are part of the core titles). They are throwing away the print versions of some journals if these are part of the electronic package to conserve space. Staff members are getting different responsibilities as a result of this electronic emphasis. UNM purchased LinkSolver (a link resolver) from EBSCO for \$5,300 a

year (negotiated from a starting list price of about \$ 6,000.) (Goldrush, used by UNM Libraries, is \$4,000 a year).

NMSU: Joe Becker reported NMSU is doing well. Approximately \$400,000 is coming from the research overhead as NMSU Libraries get 5% of the research overhead.

3. Projections for 2007

UNM will be talking to departments about canceling 20% in journals in the next two to three months.

UNM CSEL is considering which journals are not being used and looking at which journals are more expensive to obtain through Interlibrary Loan. IEEE and ACS packages are taking up about 80% of the journals budget. These may need to be cut.

NMSU doing pretty well on serials, but they are now using GO Bond money for serials—contrary to earlier decisions. NMSU will conduct a serials review project in 2007 for 2008 renewals. It has not yet been determined if or what percentage cancellations will be part of the review. NMSU is currently getting 5% of the research overhead and this is roughly \$400,000. There is a university initiative to develop several interdisciplinary research clusters and there may be some opportunity for funding there but the picture is cloudy overall. Starting in 2003-04, NMSU has converted many of its journal holdings from print to electronic. As the smaller publishers are catching up and making electronic access a viable option, they continue to convert these.

NMT not sure of what will need to be cut for 2007.

SciSearch: Wondered if SciSearch will continue to be a good option for us as there is a lack of name recognition among some faculty, who are unaware that the content is Web of Science. When looking at going direct to ISI for the Web of Science content NMT gets through SciSearch, ISI would limit the number of simultaneous users to too few to make it worthwhile. UNM General Libraries currently has a trial of Web of Science.

Discussion of various consortia, including AISTI and GWLA, including the need to look at return on investment for membership costs. Companies are offering different deals to different groups. For example the deal from Springer with GWLA was better than the deal with AISTI. Nature is no longer available through AISTI. Will AISTI become less interested in functioning as a buying group?

NMSU moved from the full IEEE IEL package back to the POP and ASPP Package. The EE dept was unwilling to take on part of the added costs for the IEL.

Joe Becker and Bruce Neville agreed to look into online access to JCR for the consortium.

4. If we are using usage statistics to help with collection decisions, how are we using them?

Everyone will continue to track usage for cancellation candidates.

How much to pay per article is too much became a discussion topic. Different threshold levels were discussed.

Elsevier journals can be cancelled in 2007 at NMT if usage does not justify retaining them. Their use is up and the average cost of a journal article has fallen, but there are some journals that will need to be cancelled in favor of the transactional "pay-per-view" mode of access.

5. Share ideas and suggestions about statewide database purchase recommendations for New Mexico State Library.

The idea that what proposed to the Deans and Directors group last year is that the NM State Library pay for NM academic libraries' OCLC charges, but with the recent budget issues of the State Library (and the fact that librarians there are paid less than they are anywhere in the state) this issue does not seem likely.

What has been the case is the State Library has been purchasing interdisciplinary databases for statewide use.

6. Twila's "E-resource cheat sheet."

Twila introduced a trouble-shooting sheet that UNM uses internally because users frequently report problems with electronic resources but this form serves to clarify the nature of the problem and save staff time. It was discussed turning this into a web form and this could easily be adapted to the Web.

7. How should we, as a group, proceed? What would best serve our institutions?

We should continue meeting once a semester and continue to share our documentation.

8. New business?

There is a meeting planned in Albuquerque looking at products for gathering usage information.

Twila Firmature stated she wants to create a listserv for and have a meeting for people who deal with electronic resources at their libraries.

9. Action Items:

Share cancellation lists for 2005 and 2006 to update the list of cancelled titles that goes from 1994-2004.

Update the Serial titles exceeding \$1,000 list.

Share the most frequently requested ILL titles lists for 2005.

E-resources trouble shooting cheat sheet unveiled by Twila Firmature:

E-resources troubleshooting cheat sheet

(* denotes required field)

*What is your name? _____

*What is a phone number you can be reached at? _____

*What is your [ID number, library card number, etc]?

*What is your preferred e-mail address? _____

*What service are you having problems with? _____

*How did you get to this service?

*Are you experiencing this from home or some other place? _____

*Has this worked before/have you successfully used this in the past?

Can you get to other online services? _____

Which browser are you using? _____

Can you try a different browser? _____

Which version of the browser are you using? _____

Are you using a Windows PC or some other type of computer? (may have to help the customer find the Operating System and version)

What ISP are you using? (examples: AOL, Comcast, Qwest) _____

Are you using a firewall? If so, which one? _____

Let's follow the steps together one at a time to see if we can pinpoint the problem (note error messages, dialog boxes etc. that the customer sees)
