

Approved, February 13, 2007

SENYLRC Technology Review and Advisory Committee

DATE: December 14, 2006

MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Attendees: John Barrie, Jon Grennan, Beti Horvath, Anne McCarthy Kennedy, Colleen Lougen, Kari Mack, Ellen Rubin, Amy Schuler, Laurie Shedrick, Terry Sparks, John Shaloiko, Tessa Killian, Judy Fischetti

Excused: Frank Appell, Stuart Moss

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ◆ John Shaloiko reviewed the Information Delivery Service (IDS) project. The committee considered funding a presentation on IDS by Ed Rivenburgh and other SUNY Geneseo staff to regional academic library staff, the RIC committee and TRAC. The estimated cost of the expenses for the presentation is \$1,500. The committee discussed IDS related issues including the cost of ILLiad, implementation and training needs, subsidies by Southeastern and the need for further information regarding costs.
- ◆ The committee considered options for technology related continuing education programs including 1.) Element K, 2.) a program featuring a nationally renowned speaker, and 3.) a full day event with various components focused on one topic. Element K is a service for online self-paced and instructor-led learning. Libraries participating in the service purchase annual access keys to a group of courses on behalf of individual staff members. Concerns raised by committee members included how many people would take advantage of this, what is the average number of courses taken per seat per year, the effect on CE class attendance, fees and topics of the courses.
- ◆ Tessa Killian reviewed options for subsidized databases for next year. One consideration is to continue the subsidy for First Search. Southeastern and two other 3 R's councils share ports for First Search access. Continued participation by all three councils is needed to continue the subscription. Every year, participation for Wilson Select is in question. If Wilson is dropped from First Search, we will need to decide whether or not to continue. ACLS History E-Book is currently subsidized for academic libraries and being considered for further subsidy which would include public and school libraries as well.
- ◆ John Shaloiko reviewed the current issues regarding including digitized newspapers in HRVH. The platform to mount the newspapers is an overriding issue. Some considerations for platforms include the licensing costs for CONTENT dm, alternative platforms using open source such as Greenstone, OLIVE which is costly and does not include standardized metadata. Northern New York Library Network has found by their experience that newspapers are very popular with the public. Further issues regarding newspapers include whether or not access is needed at the article level, the use of digitized newspapers for genealogical research and the indexing of names.

ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◆ John Barrie moved to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2006 meeting with the addition of Amy Schuler's name in those attending. Laurie Shedrick seconded. The motion passed as moved.
- ◆ Ellen Rubin moved to use ~~unspent money~~ *up to \$1,500* (2/13/07 jsf) to fund a presentation and informational session by SUNY Geneseo staff at Southeastern. Anne McCarthy Kennedy seconded. The motion passed as moved.
- ◆ The committee recommended pursuing the following technology related continuing education programs: 1.) Element K, 2.) Speakers Marshall Breeding and/or Tom Peters, 3.) Robert Lackie and 4.) an event with a keynote speaker and multiple programs
- ◆ Tessa Killian will gather statistics regarding FirstSearch and ACLS History E-Book database use for the committee's next meeting.

OTHER MEETING NOTES:

The budget for regional automation will be considered at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: February 13, 2007 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm, snow date of Feb. 20, 2007 1:30 – 4:00 pm

LOCATION: SENYLRC lower level conference room

RECORDER: Judy Fischetti