SRDC Report
COLD Meeting December 6, 2024

Key takeaways from SRDC Meeting, Nov. 18, 2024:

1. The ECC Draft Recommendation – no vote at last SRDC Meeting of the Whole due to low attendance – Advisory processes relating to the ECC got a little lost over the transition from EAR to SRDC and the pandemic, so we are attempting to revive them. One of the tasks to be done every year is to evaluate existing high-subscriber databases to potentially add to the ECC. The recommendation does not guarantee these resources will be added, only that they meet the criteria and if there is funding available, they could be considered good candidates for addition. They are not ranked. Interest surveys were part of EAR's charge, but no surveys regarding the importance of any resource, Opt-In or ECC, have been conducted so far in SRDC's history. **(Vote deferred to January)**

2. Mergent Online replacement (or not) in ECC: Discussion – Mergent Online is being phased out in 2025. When a product leaves the ECC, there is no guarantee that we will subscribe to an equivalent product or even a product in the same subject area. Mergent has agreed that if we replace Mergent Online with Mergent Market Atlas, the pricing will remain comparable. The BLoCs business librarians interest group recommends Market Atlas as a replacement product. The chair would like to have their formal written recommendation before us before voting. Waiting should cause no difficulties due to the calendar. **(Vote deferred to January)**

3. Open Discussion

    a. How can we work together in difficult budget times?

        i. Demonstrating efficiencies of ECC – Develop consistent system-wide messaging on the impending cuts. Enlist Provosts, Academic Senates to advocate for us.

        ii. Is it realistic to ask for an ECC increase?

           The ECC is an easy investment: Low cost in comparison to the big payoff. With budget cuts at individual campuses, the ECC becomes even more important for ensuring that students and faculty have access to information resources. Emphasize that supporting the ECC is an equity and fairness issue for the state of CA and our students, who should not be penalized because they go to a smaller campus or live in an economically disadvantaged area.

   iii. Negotiating power for shared contracts.
     All-in deals can be negotiated as system-wide deal, but there must be an agreement to cost share.

SRDC Subgroups Reports

1. COLIN

At COLIN's most recent meeting two main topics were discussed.

- Accessibility: In April, the DOJ announced their new rule regarding accessibility of online content (https://www.ada.gov/resources/2024-03-08-web-rule/). Content will be required to meet WCAG 2.1 level AA with a compliance deadline of 2026. The general provisions attached to all CSU negotiated contracts require that vendors meet relevant accessibility law already.

- Communicating license terms: Discussion of opportunities for ensuring that relevant librarians and staff are aware of license provisions and their importance, particularly when it comes to resource sharing, course reserves, and course packs. While SDLC has already spoken at I-SPIE, the group would like to liaise with the ULMS Acquisitions group and others to share how licenses might inform their work and also bring back comments/concerns to consortia groups that deal with licensing or license term sharing.

2. EVL

Reminders were sent to SRDC on the following topics:

- Input recommendations for **one-time purchase** of e-resources for the ECC to the SRDC ECC Wishlist! The deadline to add recommendations is **Friday, January 31, 2025.** See the FAQ for more details. This Wishlist is separate from the ECC Draft Recommendation. Acquisition of resources to be added to the ECC will depend on funding.

- The SDLC E-Resource Recommendations for EVL Form is available for SRDC members to submit **NEW, OPT-IN** e-resource recommendations for EVL's review. These recommendations are based on campus interest and/or for the benefit of the CSU libraries' consortium. This form is not for vendors.

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