**EAR Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time: August 26th, 2016, 3-4:30 p.m.**

**Place: Virtual through Zoom**

**Members attending:** LaurelBliss (SDSU), Amanda Grombly (CSUB), Naomi Moy (CSUDH), Mark Stover (vice-chair) (CSUN), Tim Strawn (SLO), Amy Wallace (chair) CSUCI), George Wrenn (minutes) (CSUH)

**A. Review of meeting schedule for 2016/17:**

August 26, 3-4:30 pm

October 14, 1-2:30 pm

January 26, 9-10:30 am

April 7, 1-2:30 pm

**B. Website Updates**

Website is up-to-date with new membership.

**C. Use of Confluence for Recommendations and Minutes**

CONFLUENCE will serve as the platform for meeting minutes and documents.

Amy encouraged communication with the EAR committee: participants on calls and at campuses are encouraged to submit input to EAR membership. Agendas will be distributed to EAR list and CSU-CD List.

**D. Last EAR Report to COLD**

Amy briefly reviewed the final report for 2015/16 which called for an increase in ECC funds and consideration of a new charge for EAR given opportunities for improved resource provision presented by the new ULMS.

**E. Last EAR Budget Requests to COLD Exec**

EAR budget recommendations were submitted to COLD at end of last year. Amy asked for comments on the committee’s report (*Realizing Universal Access to and Stability for Library Resources across the CSU System*).

George asked about revision process for the budget plan. Amy indicated that recommendations are up for revision and will serve as discussion point moving forward. Recommendations offer a philosophical stance for next five years, given budgets and technologies. Amy will keep the group posted on status of recommendations. The plan grew out of an effort to look at the budget holistically and take advantage of new technologies and emerging interests of the new ULMS system. EAR is striving to getting away from a piecemeal approach to resource development.

Amy was asked about the status of this year’s budget. COLD has not yet provided that information. She will be asking for that information at next COLD Executive Meeting.

George asked about the status of the working groups. Amy indicated that she would like to review projects for this year before moving forward with discussion/formation of this year’s working groups.

**F. Discussion: Synergies with ULMS & Research Projects**

Amy asked group 1) to identify new synergies that will emerge with the new ULMS, and 2) to identify research projects that should be worked on this year.

Tim asked that EAR working groups be interfacing intimately with ULMS working groups. Synergies are needed. Hopefully working group members are also working on the ULMS. We want to avoid duplication and overlap of effort. Communication needs to flow.

Amy indicated that overlap exists with the ULMS Resource Sharing group and the EAR Ebooks Subcommittee. Tim indicated that EAR Journals, ECC, and Ebooks subcommittees also need to be involved with Resource Sharing.

George mentioned importance of developing shared statistics and analytics. Tim indicated that Jessica Hartwigsen will play key role at system level; Ron Rodriguez and Patrick Newell are involved in development of analytics as well. Wendy stated that analytics should drive shared decision-making at the system level. Tim indicated that he is involved in a pilot project to migrate their existing electronic resource data into the new ULMS.

**G. Pilot Projects for 2016/17**

Amy asked the group to consider pilot projects for this year.

Tim asked how we can better evaluate products with the involvement of SDLC: how can we support and depend on them for the information we need for EAR processes? He suggested that we have a fairly broken system for evaluating and recommending resources and would like to work on improvements this year. A good start has been made by opening up the EAR meeting to all CD officers. Amanda indicated that we need to build better connections with SDLC. The timely provision of costs and use statistics is important.

Amy indicated that this topic can be worked on by EAR and that we can look at how we acquire resources.

Ann Roll reiterated her recommendation to do streaming media. There is interest and it needs forward motion. George indicated strong support and mentioned his campus’s positive experience with Kanopy.

Amy recommended that EAR look into trying something different with ebooks in the ULMS environment.

George asked about the possibility of doing more thorough resource evaluations and vendor product demonstrations, as was done in past in-person meetings.

Amy indicated that in-person meetings had coincided with SCELC vendor fair, which allowed vendor visits. Tim indicated that SCELC sessions are valuable and can be tailored for the CSU. Mark indicated that virtual products demonstrations are also a possibility.

Amy will touch base with Terri about the feasibility of having online vendor presentations.

**H: Discussion: Other Concerns/Considerations for COLD Exec/Things Needing Clarification**

Amy asked for other concerns to send to COLD Exec. She indicated that we did not look at Safari when making recommendations last year. Should EAR put Safari forward on priority list for COLD?

Tim is a fan of the Safari option because the deal has been much improved. Three smaller collections – including business and tech – could be of benefit. He suggested renewing the relationship and reviewing title lists. Amy noted that it is heavily used and asked where it should go on the list to be sent to COLD.

Tim recommended that, if we are not considering money, it should go at top. Amanda indicated that Safari was number three on Ron’s list last year. Ann indicated that the list under discussion was based on resource needs given a smaller pot of money. Amy will share list with COLD.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Mean** | **Resource** |
| 2.29 | Ethnic Newswatch - Proquest |
| 2.71 | Gender watch - Proquest |
| 4.43 | Safari Upgrade |
| 4.57 | Mental Measurement Yearbook w/Test in print (unlimited) - Ebsco |
| 5.00 | ACLS |
| 5.14 | GeoRef (unlimited) - Ebsco |
| 5.86 | Philosophers Index - Proquest |
| 6.00 | EconLit without FT (unlimited) - Ebsco |

Holly (CSULA) indicated that LA has issues with CPOs. It is difficult to determine what to pay because CPOs don’t provide cost specifics. Grace indicated that there are limitations to what we can be included on a memo. She recommended consulting the CSU website for subscription logs and itemized lists of costs. Holly indicated that the fiscal services people at CSULA always have a lot of questions about the CPOs issued to them. They frequently have to check back with the Library before making a payment. There is a need to make CPOs more transparent.

Amy polled the group to see if there was interest in pursuing this. After receiving additional comments, she agreed to work with Terri to see if there are ways to fix these CPO issues.

Amy will report to COLD in two weeks on projects EAR will be working on. She will examine what the working groups might do as well as possible working group membership, including consolidation of groups. Meeting participants are encouraged to discuss group roles. Roles of working groups will be very specific and groups will understand their purpose, so that issues can be moved forward. Groups without a role will cease to exist.

Mark noted that CONFLUENCE needs to be brought up-to-date. He encouraged members to visit the website in the next week or two.

Amy will send minutes to EAR and the CSU-CD list. Updates will be provided after COLD Meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 4: 12 p.m.**