General Notes from the EAR MEETING (phone conference)

October 3, 2014

Jodi Shepherd agreed to fill the vacant seat on Ebook Working Group. Working group chairs identified: Journals Working Group, Kimberley Smith and Sue Kendall co-chair; ECC, Stacey Magedanz; Streaming Media, Susan Jackson; Ebook, Jodi Shepherd; Usage Statistics, Carol Perruso.

General conversation:

ECC budget report by Eddie Choy:
The ECC budget is $5 million and no increase was given. There may be an increase towards the end of the fiscal year.   Currently the budget is $218,000 over the $5 million budget. NBC Learn is a separate line item in the ECC budget. There is a 3 year contract. Because it is on a separate line the funds cannot be touched or repurposed at some point in the future.   At this time there is no money in the official ECC budget. Mr. Choy also reports that negotiations are keeping prices below a 5% increase.

Streaming Media:
A discussion ensued regarding on how best to trial streaming media. There are two companies of interest: Kanopy and Alexander Street Press. DocuSeek was also mentioned.

Action Item: After much discussion about the pro's and con's of a trial vs. pilot and some of the various product features it was decided that Sue Jackson would obtain consortial information from the major two vendors and see "how it would look".   The time for a trial would likely be in spring 2015. February or March were perceived as "good months." The trial will not be for PDAs, just the regular product. Mr. Choy recommended that after Sue speaks with the vendors, they should contact Eddie.

Springer:
There was a general discussion about Springer and their E-book model. CSULB has had experience with Springer.

4)   The big topic: cost re-distribution of journal packages using the proposed formula 3-3-3

Annie introduced the topic and explained the proposed alternatives to the 3-3-3 re-distribution formula that addressed the issue of the smaller campuses getting "hit hard". That is to say the smaller campuses share a disproportionately higher cost due to the 3-3-3 model's base cost. Also she explained that the 3-3-3 proposal was passed with the expectation that Mega ECC would pass however it did not. The proposals by Annie focus on the costs associated with the four largest and most costly resources: Elsevier Science Direct, Springer, Sage, and Wiley.

There was much discussion regarding when the 3-3-3 proposal is supposed to take effect and what factors are the most appropriate for constructing a cost distribution formula: usage, FTEs, and base. It was also mentioned that a final decision needs to be reached soon as the January renewals are soon approaching in November. After much discussion it was decided that Annie

proposals would go for a vote among EAR members to decide the top three proposals that should go forward to COLD. It was also agreed that the spreadsheet should be "tightened" a bit by removing calculations of dollar figures indicating higher library obligations and "savings".

Notes respectfully submitted by Ron Rodriguez, EAR Vice-Chair