EAR meeting

April 22, 2019

EAR members attending: Michele Van Hoeck, Chair (Maritime), Cesar Caballero, vice chair (San Bernardino), Tracy Gilmore (Long Beach), Pam Anan (Pomona), Cheng Cheng (SJSU), Jill Vassilakos-Long (San Bernardino), Mary Wegmann (Sonoma), Eddie Choy (CO), Terri Joiner (CO).

Other attendees: Emily Chan, Jodi Shepherd, David Gibbs, Liz Ginno, Carol Perruso, Heather Cribbs, Amanda Grombly, John Brandt, Ann Roll, Holly Yu, Lauren Magnuson, Carole Correa-Morris, Chris Bulock

Meeting started at 10:00 AM

EAR Subcommittee reports.

* Update from Streaming Media Committee (Jill Vassilakos-Long): At this point, there is no future progress with Kanopy. They are studying how to discontinue Kanopy with minimum impact to faculty. Recommendation that library faculty consult with and inform non-library faculty regarding Kanopy’s cost model.
  + ACRL Kanopy Conversation (Mary Wegmann from Sonoma State): Kanopy is neither willing/able to lower the rate, nor apply the public library model to us
  + However, they did work with other consortia with alternative business models
  + Eddie said Kanopy told him that if we could figure out a model and send it to them, they might consider it. However, the public library model is out of discussion
  + Jill said the Streaming Media Committee will share a draft their report with the EAR
  + Nikki DeMoville said the public library model would not work well for the SLO
* ECC advocacy update (Michele Van Hoeck)
  + A FAQ has been created to answer questions from outside the library world
  + 7 campuses senate have passed resolution to support ECC funding (East Bay, Humboldt, San Bernardino, Sacramento, SLO (ASI and Faculty Senate), Northridge, and Sonoma)
  + Update from CSU Provost regarding ECC funding issues
  + Provost became more aware of our budget situation because CSU wide resolutions. Provost group had met and are very concerned about it
  + Carole Perruso (Long Beach): library budget officer mentioned that when the ECC was founded, it was financed by taking money off the top of the CO’s campus allocations to pay for it. If that was still true—in other words if the campuses are essentially paying for the ECC indirectly--then perhaps another tactic to consider increasing that amount. It would still cost campuses but might help preserve the consortial buying power.
* ECC prioritization and de-prioritization discussion and decisions, continued
  + Michele: ECC budget is $500k short this year, and will be $600k short next year
  + Eddie and Terri: Chancellor’s office (CO) is working on July 1 renewal, so the sooner the COLD make the final recommendation the better; CO is now collecting proposal from vendors. Therefore, for ECC, a recommendation tom COLD should be made around mid-May
  + Michele: ECC should have comprehensive evaluation (for subscription cancellation), and EAR should develop the rubric for it. The impact of such cancellation to smaller campuses should be considered in such evaluation. That may be a project for next year. For this year, Michele suggested to stick to our March vote
  + Discussions followed. Everyone agreed to stick with the March Vote. So EAR will stick with it.
  + Michele: ECC budget is still $100k short, so additional cancellation might be still needed
  + Carole: Utilizing Psyc-Article and Psyc-Info in to one platform (e.g. EBSCO) and eliminating the other one (e.g. Proquest) can save $80k. However, shall we go with Ebsco, or ProQuest, is still an open question
  + Discussions followed. There was a very strong preference to Ebsco platform
  + Eddie and Terri will dig deeper to find out which platform will save us more
  + Jill brought up Lexis Nexis vs. Westlaw. Most people prefer Lexis Nexis because they favor its platform/user interface over Westlaw. This might be a topic for future discussion
  + Michele: received an email recommendation to cancel the America: History & Life, since we have Primo/OneSearch as discovery system, there might be no need for an index like that
  + Discussions followed. Most people suggest to keep it
  + Nikki: Ebsco does not provide metadata to discovery platform, therefore content in those resources like America: History & Life are not really searchable via Primo
  + Discussion: Shall we remove Dissertation A&I from ECC as opt-in?
    - Opinions:
      * It’s heavily used by all campuses
      * Many campuses said it’s an essential resource for them
      * Usage and Cost Per search is pretty good and well distributed through all campuses
  + Carole motioned to vote whether we shall cancel Dissertation A&I or not. Motion carried. EAR vote to keep the Dissertation A&I
  + Project Muse: Holly Yu offered to do an overlap analysis to compare titles in Project Muse w/ all ECC databases
  + Opinions:
    - Many people are comparing Project Muse with JSTOR
    - Many titles in Project Muse are current/ without embargo
  + ACLS Humanity Ebook: it’s one of the resources with lower rank, and uneven usage
  + Opinions:
    - Individual downloads from individual campuses would be higher
    - It also covers many subjects, such as social science
    - No conclusion for this resource at this time
* Conclusion: The EAR will stick with the March vote, there is a strong preference with Ebsco platform for PsycInfo/Article, and EAR vote to keep Dissertation A&I
* Meeting adjourn around 11:30 AM
* Minutes taken by Cheng Cheng