

Library Representatives and Subject Librarians  
Meeting Notes  
April 15, 2004

1. Conversation with Barbara Dewey, Dean of Libraries

Collection resources for the FY 04 academic year kept pace with journals price inflation thanks to increased funding from Chancellor Crabtree. Barbara reported that the Chancellor considers journals access a high priority for the campus. The new president and a decision about tuition increase will affect budget allocations for FY 05. Devaluation of the dollar against the euro is having a negative impact on library materials purchasing power. Nearly all of the subject funds have spent more on journals in 2004 than budgeted, in part due to the rising value of the euro.

2. Access to Journals Data by Library FUND

Linda Phillips demonstrated a new spreadsheet format that is now available in the Journals section of the Collection Development & Management web pages at: <http://www.lib.utk.edu/~jon/titles.html>. The spreadsheet includes columns for title, publisher, cost in 2002, 2003, and 2004, cost change from 2003 to 2004, and journal call number. Linda encouraged library representatives and subject librarians to sort the information in various ways--by cost increase, by publisher, and by price for departmental discussions about journal pricing policies and subscription priorities.

3. uTeach Instructional Services Toolkit

Rita Smith, Head of Reference & Instructional Services, described several initiatives that will help library users get the most value from the wealth of information resources available to them. These include guides to information literacy, best practices for creating effective library assignments, database tools that enable instructors to create course links to information resources, dynamic subject guides for beginning a research project, and guided tutorials to help students understand the research process and time management. Watch for future announcements as these tools become available.

4. Storage Compact Shelving Project

Pauline Bayne, Head of the Music Library and Libraries' Special Projects, and Sara Williams, Collection Management Coordinator, reported that compact shelving will be installed in the Hoskins Library ground floor this year. Pauline presented a floor plan showing Hoskins Room 2 (where several library book sales have been held), electric-powered shelving, and current plans to shelve call letters Q through Z in the space. Sara distributed criteria (<http://www.lib.utk.edu/colldev/procedure/criteria.pdf>) that subject librarians are using for ongoing retention review of the collections, including locating materials in Storage or withdrawing them. She asked Library Reps how they want to be involved: consensus was that titles proposed for Storage and withdrawal should be posted for faculty review.

## 5. UT Scholarly Communications Committee

The Chancellor has charged the Committee to advise and consult with faculty regarding the complex issues surrounding scholarly communications in this digital age. Linda distributed a list of members, citations to three comprehensive articles about issues, and several action ideas being considered by the Committee. Library Representatives offered several more ideas:

- \* Designate university funds to cover page charges in reasonably priced journals.
- \* Recognize the importance of a top-down approach to changing promotion & tenure standards that accept publications in refereed non-traditional sources.
- \* Publicize actions that UT faculty are taking to promote publication in reasonably priced sources, as well as other channels for preserving wide access to scholarly work.
- \* Create a Scholarly Communications blog for UT to disseminate information about faculty innovations, new developments, and opportunities.
- \* Encourage faculty to assert intellectual property rights in publishing contracts when possible. For example, the American Library Association has recently added a clause in the copyright assignment agreement:  
"Publisher hereby grants Author a royalty-free, limited license for the following purposes... The right to use and distribute the Work on the Author's Web site."  
(more at:  
[http://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litapublications/ital/copyright\\_assignment.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litapublications/ital/copyright_assignment.pdf))
- \* Consider the Rice University Studies model ([http://isbndb.com/d/publisher/rice\\_university\\_studies.html](http://isbndb.com/d/publisher/rice_university_studies.html)) as a potential means for developing a multidisciplinary journal--each issue comes from a different discipline.