

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

S-30 Wilson Library

3:00 PM

In these minutes:

Demonstration of Web Interface (including Lumina on the Web, Virtual Electronic Library, Electronic Journals, and Research Quick-Start/Study), Contract and License Agreements

MINUTES

Present: Gerhard Weiss (Chair); Karen Fischer, Suzanne Thorpe (for Joan Howland), Thomas Shaughnessy, L. Carlson (for Mathur Kannan), Julia Kelly, Barbara Martinson, Robert McMaster, James Orf, Richard Richards, Warren Warwick, Peter Wells, Ari Hoptman

Absent: Bill Sozansky, Owen Williams, Linda Jorn, Bruce Moskowitz, Phillip Portoghese

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The University of Minnesota Senate Library Committee met at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, November 12, 1997 in S-30 Wilson Library on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota.

MINUTES.

The minutes from the Library Committee meeting held on October 29, 1997 were approved as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Professor Gerhard Weiss, Chair, reported that he may have to cancel the Library Committee meeting scheduled for December 10, 1997; he will notify committee members as soon as it is final. He added that the meeting scheduled for January 21, 1997 will be held in the Biomedical Library on the East Bank (more details to follow).

DEMONSTRATION OF WEB INTERFACE.

There were four Library staff members who made presentations on the following topics: (1) Lumina on the Web; (2) The Virtual Electronic Library; (3) Use of Electronic Journals on the Web; and (4) Research Quick-Start and Research Quick-Study.

Lumina on the Web. A handout was distributed providing guidelines on where to find information on a particular topic, how to select the right database, who to ask for help, and how to connect to Lumina on the Web. The challenges that Lumina faces include technical difficulties because telnet is often unusable, and an increased need

for remote access with distance education. The goals for Lumina are to make it easier to access via the Web and make it easier to use the graphic interfaces. Future projects for Lumina were reported as a Web version of catalog and indexes, instruction in library research, access from any location, and Web sites for all library units and archives.

Virtual Electronic Library. A handout was distributed giving an overview of the CIC, the Virtual Electronic Library, linking the catalogs, loaning materials, and implementation of the Virtual Electronic Library Project. The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) is a consortium of research universities providing unmediated library loan electronically to check against specific catalogs requested, or to search all 13 catalogs of the Big 10 universities at once. This service, however, is not yet available on coordinate campuses.

Electronic Journals. Copies of Web pages were distributed, including subject listings of electronic journals, journal listings on Project Muse, and journals available for browsing on JSTOR. The electronic journals are full-text journals to which the University Libraries subscribe, or that are freely available on the Internet. It was noted that the numbers of journals being posted and available on the Web are increasing on a continuing basis, and that there is a great deal of competition among commercial publishers; electronic journals are not less expensive than paper journals as it was once hoped. Other resources discussed include e-TOC, which provides notification by e-mail of upcoming journal titles upon request, Project Muse from Johns Hopkins Press, and JSTOR, whose goal is to build reliable archives for growing collections.

Research Quick-Start and Research Quick-Study. It was reported that these programs resulted from Vice President Marvin Marshak's funding proposal last year. University library needs were identified as providing a selection tool for undergraduates to search databases for research projects, and providing them with an on-line tutorial for library research. In particular, Research Quick-Start is designed to help undergraduates get a start with their research, and Research Quick-Study is designed as a tutorial for students. The main goal is to be able to work with faculty in departments and to customize links on their Web pages connecting to related resources. These Web programs just came out this week, and the next step is to promote it to University students and faculty.

CONTRACT AND LICENSE AGREEMENTS.

Peggy Johnson, Assistant University Librarian, distributed an outline that provided information related to electronic resources contracts and license agreements. She stated that publishers managing copyright and intellectual properties now require that a contract be signed for use of all major electronic resources and most stand-alone, individual use electronic resources, such as CD-ROM. The University libraries will continue to work very closely with the University Office of General Counsel as the use of electronic resources becomes more and more legalistic.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.