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Selectors Meeting Minutes -- 2/25/2013

Judy reported about the budget. The requested 10% increase for serials increases that was promised for this year has not yet been funded. For next fiscal year a $940,000 increase to the base has been requested. That $940,000 includes a 10% increase to the base, $210,000 to replace the loss of income in the endowment funds, and funds to support various programs such as the Biomedical Engineering and Sustainability programs.

Tony will get a list of Science related requests compiled for Judy. The Sci-Tech American back-file is one of the first resources on the list. Luti will also put together a proposal about the ACS back-files. Beth also wondered about the National Geographic back-file.

Patricia spoke about the Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia that she included in the document which she emailed to everyone. I have included a portion of that below. She also noted that they are being offered as ebooks through ebrary dda. Mary is working with Ashley to find a way to exclude those from the dda profile. The books were not assigned a series, otherwise they would be easy to exclude.

Engineering and Related Fields -- One-time requests -- 2013

Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology

This massive online encyclopedia has articles of interests to food scientists, geoscientists, sustainability researchers, and students interested in writing on energy alternatives, toxicology, and nanomaterials. Chemists and chemical engineers find it an excellent resource. Use during 2011/12 included 126 chapter downloads. It is possible articles from this encyclopedia are being used for class readings. This tool is an excellent complement to McGraw Hill’s Access Science as it is an advanced subject encyclopedia for upper division and graduate level students with extensive articles with well-developed bibliographies.

When we purchased the online version of Kirk-Othmer we did not add the annual updates. This oversight means our students are not getting access to the most current information. Approximately 10% of this tool is updated annually. Though the articles are not outdated, they can be dated and one of the best uses of an encyclopedia of this caliber is to bring the reader to good reference lists as well as relatively current information.

She also recommends the IEEE Wiley Book on IEEE Explore platform.

Humanities Group – One time requests -- 2013

Deb submitted a list via email for the Humanities Group which included Wittgenstein: Nachlass, Mango Languages, and additional $5000 for the dda purchase plan, JSTOR VII and JSTOR VII. She also mentioned a request from Phil for $3,000 in additional funding for the Architecture department in anticipation of an upcoming accreditation review.

Other requests

Judy also has the ASU list and the proposals for the addition of funds to subject funds that the selectors submitted last fall. She mentioned that she added $5,000 to support the dda program and that we need to evaluate it again this summer.
She asked for a report on Mango. Martha has been able to use it for her Conversational Spanish Graduate course. Beth reported that there are 330 registered users. Jordan reported there had been 1100 individual sessions, he has presented the resources to the Study Abroad coordinators and will also do a presentation about it to the Study Abroad students. The plan is for the students to complete a course in Mango, write a shore review essay, and then receive a certificate.

**Send any other one-time requests to Judy. She will compile a list for review.**

**Miscellaneous**

Some of the selectors shared that the ILL pda trial is only to be used for graduate students or faculty. Mary sent a follow up email to Tess to confirm.

Judy asked if anyone else had noticed embargoes of more than 12 months. Beth will send out a list to Elizabeth?, or perhaps the whole group that shows various embargoes and their length. She reviewed the list and the vast majority were marked 365 days. The problem seems to be coming up with associations using a commercial press.

Judy and Tim Zou visited with a donor they were able to meet through Kareen Turner. He has a large collection of Russian materials that include military sources, dictionaries, art, museums, maps.... Judy will need input from various selectors about this collection.

Funding for the Arkansas Democrat Gazette has been requested.

Patricia is leading a Compendex review in comparison with the Proquest Engineering Collection and ASNT (Applied Science and Technology). She will share her findings with the group.

Inspec will move to the Web of Science platform.


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