CUARL
Meeting Summary
April 11, 9:00
Access Grids, UAF, UALR, UAMS

Members present: Carolyn Allen (UAF), Sandra Campbell (UAM), Wilma Cunningham (UAFS), Wanda Dole (UALR), Mary Ryan (UAMS)

Also present: Anne Marie Candido (recorder), Heather Smith (UAMS), Access grid technicians (UAF, UALR, UAMS)

Carolyn Allen opened the meeting by requesting the members present to give progress reports related to the work of their committees.

**Educational Portal Committee**

Carolyn Allen thanked Heather Smith of UAMS for her work on the design of the K-12 Web portal, which functions as a gateway to education resources for Arkansas school teachers and administrators. Mary Ryan mentioned that the number of resource links could be greatly increased if we do not limit the resources to those developed at our institutions as there are probably many more resources that could be useful. Carolyn mentioned that the Committee will work on making the list of A-Z resources more robust.

The topic of creating a Web banner came up, and after a brief discussion it was decided that a banner indicating the group’s identity would be very desirable. Sandra mentioned that she hoped to work on one. Carolyn reported that Elizabeth McKee said that Heather Smith (UAMS) and Beth Juhl (UAF) will be working on a CUARL banner, and the Council will look at both when they are completed and decide on one. Meanwhile, each member library can use its own institution’s logo. Some libraries might need advance permission from their institution to use it, however.

Carolyn inquired about a replacement for Leslie Watkins. Wanda Dole stated she would identify someone pending hiring of new personnel.

Mary Ryan mentioned that there will be a meeting of school librarians in July, which might be a good time to discuss the helpfulness of the Portal as well as ways to enhance it. The ArLA office could tell us who the contact for this meeting would be. All agreed to advertise the portal at this meeting as a test and would welcome feedback.

Sandra Campbell suggested that perhaps faculty should be contacted now about the existence of the Portal. Carolyn agreed and thought this was a good idea. The group will instruct the Committee to contact faculty on their respective campuses to test the portal.

Carolyn reported that the Educational Portal Committee would like to distribute flyers and posters to advertise the Portal. All members would have opportunity for their input before the flyers were distributed.

All members agreed that this Committee has done a very good job and has made good progress.
**Digital Initiatives Committee**

Wilma Cunningham listed off a number of new digital initiatives that have been completed since the last meeting, including numerous projects by the Pryor Center for Oral and Visual History at UAF (see list).

Wilma thanked Mary and her staff for helping her with implementing a trial of Content DM, letting UAFS library staff come and visit their operation.

Wilma said she thought the next step will be to determine a way to bring all these digital resources together into an integrated whole on one Web site.

Carolyn said she would make a special effort this summer to look at grant opportunities for digital projects and post grant information on a Web page for all members to access. She thought it would be nice to have a joint portal to get a sense of the variety of grant resource possibilities.

Sandra Campbell mentioned that she cannot afford ContentDM, and Wilma too said she was struggling with costs. Carolyn said she thought she could help with digitizing some of their materials, which can be worked out once the material is identified.

Carolyn thanked Wilma for her report.

**Resource Sharing & Collection Development Committee**

Wanda Dole said that this committee would have a report sometime in the near future. There was also no report on progress made on consortial purchase of databases.

Wilma wondered if an ILLIAD consortium could be created. Mary pointed out that since ILLIAD is an OCLC product that we cannot really do anything consortially with it. Mary and the other members agreed with Wilma’s assessment that the cost of an ILLIAD server is approximately $6,200 a year. Wilma has requested in the recent budget proposal for 2009 that UAFS purchase the ILLIAD module, but she does not have approval as of this date.

**Staff Development Committee**

Sandra Campbell reported that the following staff development workshops have been suggested by the Committee for member libraries: e-reserves, open access, and technology to enhance classes. Sandra said that it was important that all members share their ideas for workshop and session topics and to let member libraries know when their campuses are offering these.

Sandra mentioned that UAF has a lot of staff development courses it offers to their staff, and Carolyn said she would be happy to have Jeff Banks, UAF library’s new head of human resources, to get this information to everyone in advance. Whenever possible, these would be free to all staff of the member libraries, except for traveling expenses.

Mary Ryan suggested copyright would be a helpful topic and suggested that it be the first session offered. All agreed that this would be a good topic. Mary mentioned that Jan Hart is the copyright librarian for UAMS.
Wilma said she will be attending a conference on copyright and offered to share the materials she will receive.

**Emergency Preparedness Committee**

Mary Ryan suggested that the contact information disseminated after the last meeting should be updated annually. Wilma reminded the group that she had volunteered Dennis Van Arsdale to update the information every January.

After the committee reports were finished, Mary Ryan updated the group about steps that the NIH was doing in making the results of research funded by NIH freely accessible in *PubMed Central* within 12 months after publication. Thus far, only 3 percent of those funded by NIH were doing this. Anyone getting NIH funding must submit their published articles to *PubMed Central* within a year.

Wilma Cunningham said she will be giving her annual budget presentation soon and asked the members of the group if they discussed their assets and expenditures by line-item or by general category (personnel, operations, facilities, collections, etc.) in their own budget presentations. Most said they presented their annual budget needs by general category with the items in each category ranked according to priority.

Regarding adoption of *ProQuest Dissertations*, Mary mentioned that UAMS will start submitting dissertations electronically and will be using the Open Access option offered by Proquest—that is, any user who wants to access a dissertation can do so for free if the institution from which the dissertation originated decides up front to pay for this feature for the students. Master’s theses will not yet be submitted from UAMS.

Wanda Dole asked if any of the members have special staff identified to do accreditation reports. Carolyn said that the individual subject librarians provide the library component of accreditation studies conducted by academic departments.

Carolyn mentioned that she will talk to Judy Ganson about getting a replacement for the Digital Initiatives Committee.

Carolyn thanked all the members for their participation and said that the next meeting will probably be sometime in August. Anne Marie will be in contact with members about what date is most convenient.
Summary of Decision/Action Statements

**Educational Portal Initiative**

The Committee will work on making the list of A-Z resources more robust.

Wanda Dole will identify someone as a replacement for the Educational Portal Committee when she completes hiring.

The Group agreed to advertise the portal at the next meeting of public school librarians in July. ArLA will tell us who the contact person would be for this meeting.

The Committee will contact relevant faculty on their respective colleges about the existence of the Portal and will seek feedback.

**Digital Initiatives**

The Committee will determine a way to bring all the digital resources from each member institution together on one Web site.

Carolyn will look at grant opportunities for digital projects and post grant information on a Web page for all members to access. She will begin work on creation of a joint portal to get a sense of the variety of grant resource possibilities.

Carolyn will investigate the possibility of helping with digitizing some of the materials held by UAM and UAFS and will let Sandra and Wilma know for certain in the near future.

Carolyn will talk to Judy Ganson about getting a replacement for the Digital Initiatives Committee.

**Staff Development Initiatives**

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Carolyn will have Jeff Banks, UAF library’s new head of human resources, get this information to everyone in advance. When possible, these will be free to all staff of the member libraries, except for traveling expenses.

All agreed that the subject of copyright would be a good one for first session to be offered. Mary mentioned that Jan Hart is the copyright librarian for UAMS and would be a good resource. Wilma will share with the Council any materials she receives while attending an upcoming conference on copyright.