Council of UofA Research Libraries  
Meeting Summary  
October 11, 2006  
Rm. 486, 9:00 to 3:00  

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

Others Present: Alberta Bailey (UAF), Anne Marie Candido (UAF), Martha Coleman (UAFS), Judy Ganson (UAF), Mary Hart (UAMS), Mary Hawkes (UAMS), Juana Young (UAF)  

Dean Allen thanked everyone in attendance for coming to this second meeting of the Council.  

Comments related to topics discussed at the ArLA Annual Conference  

An issue cited by Carolyn Allen is the AMIGOS courier service. Wanda Dole mentioned that shared courier service is a challenge we all face. Currently, the service through AMIGOS is not satisfactory. Libraries within the state are having a difficult time finding a good sub-contractor. Dean Allen has asked Alberta Bailey, head of public services at UAF, to make some suggestions regarding this matter.  

Wilma Cunningham reported that she attended a session on federated searching. She inquired if this group should consider this as a joint venture? Some in the group did not have a clear idea of what the issues were with regard to federated searching, and it was agreed that this topic would be tabled for the time being.  

Wanda commented that she had hoped that the ArLA conference program had a more academic focus. Dean Allen mentioned that this will be an issue to raise with the program planners, and the deans and directors should ensure participation at the local level.  

Review of draft of the Council’s Mission Statement, Goals, and Committee Charges  

Carolyn Allen asked if any thought had been give to an official name for the Council. It was agreed that the Council of University of Arkansas Research Libraries would be the full name.  

The group then reviewed the drafts of the Mission Statement, Goals, and Committee Charges.  

Carolyn Allen suggested that the proposed task forces be called “committees” and that the committees then appoint “task forces” as needed to perform tasks required to fulfill the committee’s charge. Everyone agreed with this suggestion.
Carolyn also suggested dusting off an old InReach proposal with regard to the proposed shared online catalog. She will talk with the provost about this.

**Future Meetings and Agendas**

A preliminary report from the various committees should be submitted to the appointed liaison by March 1, 2007, for discussion by Council members at their next meeting on April 20. A final report (August 1) should then be submitted to each liaison, reflecting revisions of the Council made in the April meeting.

It was agreed that the venue for the next meeting, which will consist of only the Council members, would be the UofA System Office in Little Rock on Friday, April 20, 2007. The various reports will be reviewed at this time and action plans will be discussed. This will be a meeting of the deans and directors only.

Carolyn said she would send to each member of the group the revised mission statement, goals, and committee charges, as well as a meeting summary. She reminded the group that the listserv already set up should be used for any comments, questions, or suggestions regarding meetings or issues. After some discussion, it was agreed that the listserv should be reserved for the deans and directors only.

Carolyn thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 3:00.