

URSUS Directors Meeting
April 24, 2015
Meeting Notes

Present: Bryce Cundick, Shiva Darbandi, James Jackson Sanborn, Leslie Kelly, David Nutty, Joyce Rumery, Marianne Thibodeau

Procurement

- Procurement cancelled the meeting with the library subgroups and requested a meeting with only Orono. Joyce and Deb Rollins met with Rudy and James “Jim” Gilmore to discuss the status of the procurement work. There was an interest expressed from Procurement about piloting a test case with the libraries. Joyce told Procurement that she would discuss further with the URSUS group.

There is now confusion about procurement’s view of the library subgroup and its role. The last subcommittee meeting was canceled, the new meeting was set-up with individuals from Orono, but moving forward we plan on working with Procurement as a whole, bringing everyone into the conversations as much as possible. Knowing that Rudy is charged with saving \$3 million for the system over three years, the URSUS group would like to stay focused on acquisitions.

- Rudy wants the group to address the following three points, some of the text below is from his memo:
 - **Pilot Initiative:** Identify one agreement / category to collaborate on using the Sourcing Methodology. Ideally this would be an area where there is some market competition and used by more than one campus.
 - The libraries would like a definition of the sourcing methodology beyond the PowerPoint and a thorough outline or flowchart from Procurement to ensure there are no future issues.
 - **BE Press agreement for Maine Law School:** Michelene Decrow has asked for our assistance in Sourcing an agreement with BE Press. I understand UM, and possibly others, have agreements with BE Press. Perhaps there is a way to leverage the existing agreements to benefit of some or all users of that vendor.
 - The vendor told the law school that there is a fixed price with no exceptions. The dean has approved this purchase, but the school cannot move forward without a purchase order. Perhaps Rudy can attempt to negotiate a lower price.
 - **Specialized book scanner for USM:** David Nutty has asked for our assistance in replacing the Bookeye system which is at its end of life. I understand that UM, and possibly others, have similar systems. Perhaps this also is an opportunity to be stronger together.
 - David is in communication with Fogler on their scanning equipment and is considering which direction he wants to go. He may be putting forward a different proposal than what was initially presented. No one else in the system has a need for a higher end, specialized book scanner.

- The state library is going to buy three of these types for the ARRCs at approximately \$30,000 each, but the cost would be too expensive for USM to participate. USM is investigating a less expensive option.

JSTOR

- Do not advertise this service at this time, as Deb anticipates that all of the funds will be gone by May. Some of the records were downloaded directly in JSTOR before even being placed in URSUS. The trigger is set off when users from at least two separate campuses download. Each chapter of a book is considered one download.

The cost is at least five times the list price. Deb can go in and limit the profile to very expensive books. A little over 23 books/2,000 PDFs have been loaded. There have been many more books that were viewed but the trigger may not have gone off because they were only at one campus. James and Deb are looking into making sure that the records do not show up as if they are only limited to Orono.

When the funds run out, it is set-up so there is a process to hide those that have not been bought. Once something has been bought, we need access to the ones that have been bought. Once there are more funds we can un-suppress the hidden ones.

One University

- Joyce, David, and Dick Thompson wrote Standard 7. Joyce submitted Standard 7 to the UMaine Provost who was charged to be the leader on three of the Standards. The feedback was that it was written well. The System is seeking an advisory statement from NEASC. Penn State has an example of a One University, One Library model. Wisconsin and New Mexico are doing something similar.

Summer Retreat

- JSTOR, One University, Procurement, work towards a more formal URSUS group, and the annual report should be added to the agenda. Leslie will send out the annual report before the retreat.
- Host: Farmington
- Possible dates: Sunday, July 19th and Monday, July 20th
Monday, July 20th and Tuesday July 21st
Sunday, August 9th and Monday, August 10th

Floating Collections

- A renewed quote to set-up floating collections is approximately \$4,000 a year. It goes up 3% each year.
- USM is ready to go with floating collections between all three campuses.
- Initially it appears that there is a shortfall in the URSUS budget for the \$4,000. However Maine InfoNet underspends on major equipment (e.g. servers), computers, contracted services (e.g. Curtis for programming), and there is flexibility with carryover. The carry forwards have been earmarked for the floating collections.

Campus/Committee Updates

- Cataloging meets May 8th.
- There will likely be a new chair of the Special Collections Committee. The current chair and the new chair will likely both be working on planning the retreat.
- University of Maine
 - There are a number of events happening on the UM campus, including Retiree Homecoming. The Library will be scanning photos for this event and sharing with marketing.
 - The University Press is working on a Penobscot dictionary and working on a digital version of the *Maine Historical Atlas*. A photography book with Berenice Abbott's work is also in the works.
 - Staff can take a four day work week during the summer.
 - May 11th is the day the building project will begin for reconstruction of reference offices.
 - Work is underway for the use of ArchiveSpace and Archivematica in Special Collections.
 - Science Reference position interviews have been scheduled.
 - Faculty Senate would like their staff person housed in the building, along with holding their meetings in the library.
- University of Maine at Farmington
 - Interested in Digital Commons, but it's not affordable for UMF. D-Space requires a lot of programmers. LYRASIS and OCLC offer services as well.
 - One Book, One Campus is coming back.
- Maine InfoNet
 - LD13 was vetoed with the reason presented being timing.
 - Working with Maine State Outreach to move collections and working with MECA as well.
- University of Maine at Machias
 - Events are being hosted on campuses.
 - The athletic staff is being downsized.
 - Cataloged 140 books that were donated.
- University of Maine at Augusta
 - NEASC visited and the report suggests a clean accreditation. NEASC was concerned about a progressive information literacy program. NEASC recognized that library staff has decreased in numbers. The goal is to make something of this in the Library and to lead on IL, also with the help of administration talking to faculty about IL.
 - The Collection and Copyright position has been filled with Brenda Sevigny-Killen from Off-Campus Library Services. With her help, UMA joined Maine Shared Collections.
 - At UMA-Bangor Collen Coffey brought a food truck – think food pantry - to campus from the Good Shepard Food Bank as a form of outreach and community involvement.
 - There will be a new UMA website starting in May, moving to Wordpress.
- OCLS
 - Faculty Institute is on Thursday, May 14th and hosted by UC.
- University of Southern Maine

- It is less likely that there will be any changes in physical space this year.
- Osher Map Library is engaged in a strategic planning process with an independent consultant.
- There are a number of staff changes that will happen by July 1.
- The new president has been back to campus twice since he was appointed, and the Library is looking forward to his arrival.
- University of Maine at Fort Kent
 - Maine Cyber Security is collaborating with USM and UMFK, with an exciting project that took place in the Library.
 - Campus wide symposium recently took place. The Library plays a significant role in this event.
 - The rest of the John Martin Collection came up from Augusta. About 80 or 90 boxes came up. It is now the complete collection and will be mentioned in the *Bangor Daily*.
 - The position that will be empty soon may be filled soon, but it is not certain at this point. There will probably be shifting/promotion of a current MLS staff member.
- University of Maine at Presque Isle
 - Anna is gone for about a month.
 - There are some issues with funding, rug installation, and some of the other projects involved with the second story space.