**URSUS report**

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**Migration to Millennium**

§         Character based system ends for Acquisitions / Serials October 10, 2005

§         Online tutorials:

§        I have drafts for six online tutorials for Millennium Acquisitions.  UM and UMPI staff have been very supportive in providing me with feedback, examples, and proofing drafts of this training.  I aim to have the entire Acquisitions series complete by the end of May.

§         Issue log has swelled to 20 issues within last month as result of increased Millennium usage

**Peoplesoft**

§         Invoices will not be intercepted by any campus business office.  A discussion with Jean Meakin, Director of Strategic Procurement, indicated that this revealed a misunderstanding in the Peoplesoft mandate.  She immediately sent out information correcting the problem, and putting the URSUS migration to Peoplesoft back on track.

§         Migration Plan (handout)

§         Peoplesoft financials will go live July 5, 2005.

**Systemwide upgrades**

§        Virtual Reference

§         Demonstrated new product -- much better

§         Understands our issues much better

§         Java compatibility issues

§         stats

§         Base update scheduled for April 21

§         Larger update scheduled for summer

§         EReserves

§         Upgrade is tentatively scheduled for Wed., June 1

§         Staff will need to perform clean up

§         Training will be provided online

§         In person training has been offered, but I am unsure if staff will have time – will find out at the next circ heads meeting

**URSUS issues**

* Extended Approval Plan interface:

§         UM is in testing mode of the interface and will go live soon.  I have information from the University of Washington regarding their workflows for multiple libraries using this software in a shared record environment. They have also agreed to share load tables.  The set up is complex and will take at least the summer to implement across multiple libraries in URSUS.

* Network issues:

§         I sent Jeff LeTourneau a copy of my issue log of potential network issues.  I have not yet received a response.

**Library Support Web**

§         Systemwide Database Committee

§        Provide space on Library support to post minutes, links, policies, remote access set up

§        Policy Manuals:

§        The Circulation manual has been translated into a web site. It is much easier to use and staff love it.

§        The Cataloging manual is still transitioning.  Work will be done at it at the May Catalog standards meeting.