

**URSUS Directors
Meeting Notes
June 15, 2018**

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The April 2018 and May 2018 notes were approved.

EBSCO to Gale Issues

The group discussed the switch to Gale and the email we received from Carol Kim about the UMS libraries need for EBSCO. Jamie shared the email that was sent to Jane Sorter from Bob Neely. The directors are concerned about UMS funds supporting this when our own UMS budget has remained static for years. We are concerned about the misrepresentation of UMS support for all libraries in the state. We understand the issues facing some libraries that may be working with mainly online courses and adjunct faculty, but feel that there could have been help for that library and others for the transition. We are also concerned that some libraries are looking at this as an assessment of the two databases when that work was done by the committee working on the rfp, we do not want to have this be an issue next year.

UMA/UC library position update

Stacey's appointment is through December 2018. She received approval to post an academic librarian position. The main work location will be negotiable and could include a center. The job will include film streaming workflow and maybe OER.

There is a three million deficit at UMA and so this may affect positions.

We asked about the support OCLS has been able to give for the databases and services, if it would continue. Stacey is uncertain about support after FY19. She will provide a list of the services and resources she has supported so that we can make plans beyond FY19. UMM and UMFk are on a shared instance with OCLS for LibGuides.

We should see a big market splash soon for UMA with a new map showing all eleven locations.

At Lewiston Auburn College there is an interim Dean for two years. UMA is now using the location and offices there.

URSUS Development Day – July 25, Wells Commons, UMaine

James is working on a registration form – one per library. We need to get a count of the number of attendees. We will need to ask about food issues/allergies. The cost should be 20 per person.

Draft agenda:

Megan Clough on customer experience

Jess Isler on stories

Brad Beauregard on public relations

Two different Gale presentations/overview of resources

We will prepare questions to be asked of the Gale representative. *Please send the questions to Bryce as soon as possible.*

Maine InfoNet Report

The new discovery OPAC will not be useful for authority work. The original catalog will remain, it is what Encore pulls from for the discovery. Staff may find the original catalog works better for some purposes. Encore - they are still trying to figure out limit by collection versus limit by location. Limit by collection is the scoping. Limit by location is by library. Having both is confusing to users. We discussed whether the confusion could be mitigated by different wording, if that was possible. The Encore implementation will be discussed at a tech meeting, the urls are okay to use now.

The sandbox is now ready for KOHA and Evergreen to make connections happen.

Innovative is talking about a redesign, but that is at least a year away.

Maine InfoNet and Gale

The go live date for Gail is June 22. MIN is working with the client centers to make sure about the links to Gale resources. They are working on the cancelled resources to update where needed.

Campuses are documenting their work in spread sheets.

Draft an agenda for the URSUS Directors' retreat, July 9-10

The retreat will be at Fort Kent. We will start at 2:30 pm on the 9th and plan to end at 3:00 pm on the 10th. On the 9th we will begin discussion with our large topic for the retreat. We need to settle on our major topic and find articles to read before the meeting to help inform our discussion. Maybe the ACRL article on 2018 top trends. We may need some readings that would also address the public and state libraries. During part of the retreat we will visit the archives and the Blockhouse

Draft agenda – possible topics:

- Resource Committee – next steps

- Review of last year's goals

- Set goals for the next year, we want to work on strategic priorities

- How can URSUS be a leader with the academic libraries in the state, how to make a stronger academic network

- Open Education Resources

- Succession planning

Review the charges for all of the committees, we need to have the committees working as productively as possible and we may need to suggest topics and directions.

ACRL Framework

There is no word yet about the grant.

Delivery Bags

James expected delivery of bags on June 15. He has not received an invoice yet.

Uniform approach to working with Procurement

The issue at USM was actually a purchase order and a concern about the license. It stopped the p.o. and USM learned that any new contract has to be reviewed by counsel. There was an issue of the name on the invoice and the amount of the invoice. The UMS has been pulling contracts across the board, it changes the workflow and increases the time to completion. USM worked through their CBO for ease of payment.

It was frustrating to have this come through and be stopped at license or procurement.

Committee meetings (in particular Reference)

One meeting per year should be face-to-face. Committees have met with some members in Augusta and others in Bangor. Circulation and Reference Heads have had this meeting scenario.

The directors discussed how to help committees with their meetings and agendas.

Maybe the make-up of the committees could be not Heads or just the Heads. But we also need a committee that can make decisions, not go back to their respective libraries to ask about decisions. Maybe both the directors and the committee need to review the Best Practices. The Reference Committee did the best with this assignment.

The Reference Committee is a very important group for operational decisions and work. We need to have them think big, beyond what is going on in-house. They should be encouraged to set priorities for things they want to see action on.

Maybe we could ask them to pick a meeting date in the summer for a daylong meeting – 10 am to 3 pm. And ask that they work on a list of priorities for the biggest thing.

Roger will speak to Nancy Lewis about this.

Franco collections in Maine

The Lewiston Auburn campus is being disassembled as a college and some of the aspects of the college will be assigned to others. David is getting the Franco collection as a responsibility.

There is a UMS initiative going on about Franco-American collections. This impacts USM, UMFK, and UM. The Chancellor's Office has 75,000 available for three years to support this. First there will be an inventory of collections, second a portal will be developed in order to search the collections, and third curriculum will be developed around these collections.

Effective September 1 there will be a position that reports to Susan Pinette of the Franco-American Centre at UMaine.

Other shared resources

Roger mentioned the Teachers College Record, the company said they would offer a site license for UMPI and other locations could be added – as many ip addresses as possible. UMaine has this resource so Deb was asked about this offer.

Historical Abstracts has a pricing offer that may make it feasible for all campuses, this will be explored outside the meeting.

Meeting dates for September 2018 through June 2019

Ben will send out the dates for the meetings that will begin September 2018.