

Catalogers Group
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Minutes

Present: Cindy Shelton (guest), Gia Aivazian, Nora Avetyan, Peter Balassa, Valerie Bross, Beth Feinberg, Cheri Folkner, Laura Horwitz, Chamyia Kincy, Sara Shatford Layne (recorder), Renee McBride, Janice Matthiesen, Luiz Mendes, Hao Phan, Louise Ratliff, John Riemer, Angela Riggio, Rita Stumps, Marco Tamase.

Cindy Shelton described the restructuring of the AULs' responsibilities, commented on the budget situation, and answered questions on the role of cataloging in the new environment.

I. AULs' responsibilities.

A. Bob Bellanti has taken on more responsibilities, and is now responsible for EAL (formerly Cindy's responsibility) and SEL (most recently under the AUL for IT and formerly under the AUL for the Sciences). Also, the new unit that is being formed from RIS and Collection Management will report to Bob as of July 1. All these units have large outreach functions.

B. Cindy will still oversee Collection Management and Technical Services and will work with selectors and unit heads even though they will not be reporting directly to her. Scholarly communication has been added to Cindy's responsibilities. Scholarly communication involves dissemination of scholarship and will require new, additional duties. The whole world of scholarly publishing is changing.

C. Terry Ryan's responsibilities do not involve anything really different, but we will see a more robust digital library program, which Gary is very much behind.

II. Budget. Cindy has no update since Gary's remarks from the end of January. The budget situation is still uncertain. All of our jobs are going to be changing, we will need to reduce specialized services and customization. Library Development is concentrating on finding additional funding sources.

III. Question: What is 'our' (cataloging's) role in Cindy's vision? Answer: We will continue to contribute in a big way, especially with original cataloging and especially with foreign languages. We will participate in a big way in national cooperative efforts (CONSER, NACO, etc.). We will expand more formal metadata efforts. There will be a merging of roles between acquisitions and cataloging. We may have to conform more to national practices and pull away from local deviations.

IV. Question: How will Cindy advocate for us? Answer: "Keep John. He is one of your best advocates"-- we are one of the best performing departments in the library -- we are our own best advocates.

V. Question: What does Cindy see as the merging of acquisitions and cataloging roles? Answer: Combining receipt and rapid-cataloging of materials. Comments from group: need to consider carefully whether this is actually the best way to achieve efficiencies.

VI. Question: What about digital materials? Answer: Cindy is creating a new unit for Digital Acquisitions and Licensing. Sharon Farb will be the unit head for this unit, which will have responsibility for licensing, legal aspects (but *not* cataloging) of digital resources. We need to bring together information on CDL and local digital resources; we need to develop a more systematic approach to the management of e-resources. SCAER will be dissolved and its responsibilities transferred to this new unit.

VII. Question: What about the merger of RIS and CMD? Answer: There will be one unit with one head. The goal is to increase the identity of YRL as the center for humanities and social sciences, and to focus on the needs of graduate students and faculty.