Shared Content Leadership Group

Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2017

Present: Martha Hruska (SD, Chair), Tiffany Moxham (R), Alison Scott and Roxanne Peck (LA), John Renaud (I), Kerry Scott (SC), Julia Kochi (SF), Jim Dooley (M), Eunice Schroeder (UCSB), Ivy Anderson (CDL), Wendy Parfrey (CDL)

Absent: JoAnne Newyear-Ramirez (B), Bob Heyer-Gray (D), Becky Imamoto (LAUC)

Announcements, Housekeeping and Calendar Review

ACTION: Oct 27 notes approved.  
Dec 1 meeting is regular time, 10:30 - noon.

CoUL Discussion Update

CoUL confirmed the need for a reduction in costs for sustainability of shared content.

CoUL wants to engage faculty in discussion about impact on campuses and what we should be targeting; wants feedback from SCLG about messaging with which to engage faculty.

CoUL agreed that we should review databases, but also focus strategic efforts where the greatest potential for reduction lies (i.e. journal packages), and be data driven.

Campus conversations should start to happen now since it takes time to consolidate faculty input that we can factor into negotiation strategies. Messaging to faculty can emphasize that we need to partner with them in order to make decisions that best position us for sustainability.

CoUL has directed that nothing be excluded from the FTE model, including tier 2s, vendor tiers, equal shares, etc; we need to look at the total impact so that we can determine what cuts are needed.

FTE Cost Model Implementation

The Freedom Collection might be a potential target for cancellation (titles in the collection that we license wouldn't be cancelled if we cancel the collection); since the timeline precludes cancellation for 2018, we should instead target 2019 and use possible cancellation as a negotiating point.

Since CoUL has directed that the FTE model be implemented across the board, we should look at the total impact and determine what amount of expenditure we need to cut in order to live within our means, and then determine cancellation strategies that would get us to that number. We can use the CDL weighted algorithm of value metrics for journal packages (usage, cost, CPU, UC citations, etc), as we have in the past, to determine which publishers are providing the best value, and compare this data to our expenditure reduction targets; CDL has run the raw data from the algorithm but it's not yet ready for presentation to SCLG.

ACTION: Before Dec 1 meeting, CDL to run across-the-board application of FTE model (corrected version of UCB analysis) and add to wiki page.
ACTION: By end of December, provide CoUL with the impacts of moving everything onto the FTE model.

ACTION: Between now and end of December, SCLG to determine packages to target for cuts for needed amount of expenditure reduction. We are going to use the analysis CDL has done about the journal packages and the data about the overall impact of implementing FTE across the board to determine low value publishers to target for reductions, off-setting agreements, outright cancellation (we will also use the figures from the FTE implementation across the board to identify impacts and potential targets).

ACTION: By end of December, SCLG to draft a unified message about journal reviews/renewals (essentially: this is unsustainable regardless of cost model implementation, discuss journal reviews) – should emphasize that we’re all impacted by unsustainability of status quo and the need for engaging with faculty for decision making.

**Draft Charge for Subject Expert Review**

ACTION: Finalize charge to database review task force by Wed before Thanksgiving (11/22).

DECISION: Becky to serve as chair of database review task force; as member for each subject area, select first of those listed in draft charge.

ACTION: Update charge to ebook Task Force to assess alternative, less costly options for ebook packages (EBA, DDA, etc).

At December 1 meeting we will discuss our first pass at database review (51 titles), and pain points of applying FTE model across the board (e.g. Taylor and Francis).

**Licensing Update**

**CDL Updates**

New Licensing Liaisons Website – CDL recently created a new website listing licensing liaisons at UC campuses. We hope it’s helpful in reaching out to peers across the UC system. Thanks for sending us the contact information. Please let us know if there are any changes, corrections, or additions.

New Assisted Tier 3 Licensing Procedure Website (Reminder) – CDL created a new website describing the Assisted Tier 3 process. Assisted Tier 3 acquisitions are local campus purchases that are related to Tier 1 licenses signed by CDL. Campus acquisitions and licensing staff are encouraged to follow the steps described, particularly the expectations to verify the content, pricing, and terms before sending the documents to CDL for signature (Because CDL doesn’t know what was negotiated/discussed). We’d appreciate your support.

Transfer Title Process for 2017 (Reminder) – In November, we will conduct campus voting on requested titles. CDL Acquisitions will post the master spreadsheet with all the titles and estimated costs on SharePoint for your review. For the actual voting, we will create a simpler Google sheet with minimal information. Please contact CDL Acquisitions at cdlacq@cdlib.org if you have any questions.

CDL Acquisitions (Reminder) – FreshDesk Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Software – CDL Acquisitions implemented FreshDesk, a CRM software, to track customer inquiries and CDL Acquisitions’
responses. Please use cdlacq@cdlib.org to contact CDL Acquisitions, instead of individual email addresses. We are curious to see if the system is helping with the efficiency and responsiveness, and will review transaction reports on a quarterly basis and welcome your feedback. Please contact Peter Rolla (CDL Acquisitions) with any questions and/or feedback.

Acquisitions-Related Document Sharing on SharePoint – This project has been delayed due to competing deadlines. We’ll keep you updated. CDL Acquisitions will soon start sharing acquisitions-related documents on SharePoint with SCLG members and campus acquisitions staff via restricted access. All 10 campuses have submitted their acquisitions staff’s contact information so that they can access these documents. CDL has been testing the site with several campus acquisitions staff to obtain initial feedback, and will be ready for an all-campus trial once all logins are confirmed and relevant documents are posted (currently ETA mid-November). CDL staff are taking some SharePoint courses so that the site is set up in a user-friendly manner. Background: CDL hopes to increase efficiency of the acquisitions operation and enhance services to UC campuses by sharing the following documents on SharePoint: payment documents, and financial expenditure reports (projected annual expenditures, monthly expenditures, deposit balance – customized for and restricted to each campus).

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Annual Reviews – The license was signed on 10/31.

Springer Nature (SN) – CDL received the vendor’s reply on its edits (2nd round) most recently on 11/7. We are making progress; however, the vendor is rejecting some of the terms that were previously agreed via email / LOI, and we are reinserting the terms in many cases. The vendor is eager to finalize the license by the end of the calendar year 2017. We’ll have a conference call with the vendor later this week. The vendor wants to list the subscriptions for Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) separately, which will likely result in an extremely lengthy contract. Access to listed licensed products is active, including Springer journals, Springer Protocols, Nature journals for all UC campuses, and Pediatric Research for five campuses (Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco.) We’ll inform SCLG once it’s signed.

Oxford University Press is requesting UC to update its license, and CDL is reviewing the draft.

The Licensing status (request CDL password) page has been updated.