UAMS Library Advisory Committee Meeting  
September 13, 2010

The Library Advisory Committee met from 11:30am-1pm on Monday, September 13, 2010. Participants were Bob Bradsher, Zoran Bursac, Lori Cline, Karen Davis, Mark Estes, Bill Gurley, Daphne Hyatt, Bobby McGehee, Christine Sheffer, Jan Hart and Mary Ryan.

Introductions

Karen Davis has replaced Janice Taylor as one of the College of Nursing representatives.

Budget Update

In the Library’s budget request for 2010/11, a $144,000 increase to the base budget was requested to cover the increased cost of journals and databases. Dr. Rahn asked for information about what resources and services were in danger of being cut. The attached memo outlining the budget situation for the Library was provided to Dr. Milne and Dr. Rahn. Dr. Rahn subsequently gave the Library permission to spend $144,000 in frozen fund balance to cover the increased cost of journals and databases for 2010/11, and indicated that he would try to add money to the Library’s base budget in the future to cover the cost increases.

New and Deleted Journal Subscriptions

The Library is planning to cut print subscriptions for 33 journals which are also available online through one or more sources provided by the Library. The quality of copies of online articles was discussed, and Committee members were asked to report any problems with online articles to Daphne Hyatt. Five recommendations for new journals were received throughout the year, and these journals will be added to the subscription list for 2011.

DynaMed Project

More than 150 health professionals throughout the state have requested passwords to access the DynaMed point of care clinical information tool provided through a statewide site license paid for by the AHEC central office and the UAMS Library. Ten hospitals also have access through IP verification. Many pharmacists have requested access due to the publicity provided by a pharmacist in NW Arkansas and the College of Pharmacy. Committee members were encouraged to continue to publicize the availability of this product. Library staff are currently working with the UAMS CME office to try to enable point of care CME credits for using DynaMed, and are investigating Pharmacy CE as well. Jan Hart is working with clinical IT to get DynaMed and UpToDate links embedded into the electronic medical record system. A quote was requested from EBSCO (producer of DynaMed) for a statewide license for its new nursing product, Nursing Reference Center, but the cost was prohibitive.

Licensing Agreement Restriction

Mary Ryan reported that she was in an ongoing discussion with Elsevier concerning a requirement in the Elsevier licensing agreement that online Elsevier articles be printed and scanned before they are transmitted electronically on interlibrary loan. The Library lent 3,000 copies of Elsevier articles last year, with the average length of the articles being 10 pages. If the Library does the same amount of
interlibrary loans from Elsevier articles this year, the staff would have to “print and scan” 30,000 pages. Mary requested that Elsevier drop the “print and scan” requirement for all libraries, as it is an unnecessary use of time and effort, and does a huge amount of damage to the environment. Elsevier originally denied the request, but after receiving a followup response from Ms. Ryan, Elsevier is reconsidering its decision.

NIH Public Access Policy

Last spring, the Vice Chancellor for Research asked the Library staff to help UAMS researchers comply with the requirements of the NIH Public Access Policy. Mary Ryan and Susan Steelman have been working with departments and units throughout campus to inform them of the Policy requirements and to help them understand how to submit their articles to PubMed Central, which is required by the policy. They are also working on a pilot project with 10 other academic libraries and the National Center for Biotechnology Information (which maintains the PubMed Central database) to help simplify the submission and compliance tracking process. The overall UAMS compliance rate with the Policy is about 71%, which is a little above the national average. The Federal Research Public Access Act, which would require 11 major federal research funding agencies to have a public access policy similar to the NIH policy, has been introduced in Congress and hearings have been held on it. The act will probably be voted on in the next three months.

Productivity/Assessment Tools

Staff in the Library’s Education and Reference Services Department have been working with representatives from the CCTR and those working on assessing the outcomes of the CTSA grant to identify information resources and tools that can assist in the assessment of productivity. Several tools, including Web of Science, InCite and SciVal have been demonstrated, and work on this project continues.

Announcements

Dr. Larry Milne has announced he will step down as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (to whom the Library Director reports) whenever a replacement is hired. Several UAMS librarians visited the Northwest Campus Library recently, and assisted the Northwest librarian in producing a self-study report for the COP accreditation process. A new Arts of UAMS exhibit of watercolors has been mounted in the Library by Dr. Robert McGrew. The College of Pharmacy is having a photo contest to identify pictures for the January-February 2011 Arts of UAMS exhibit. The annual History of Medicine Associates dinner will be held next Tuesday, September 21, at the UA System Office.