

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004**  
11:00 AM

**Present:** Karen Albertus; Maria Barbosa; Pat Kenner; Yangbo Ye, Chair; Hal Richerson, Emeritus Faculty Council liaison

**Staff:** Nancy L. Baker, University Librarian; Ed Shreeves, Director, Collections and Information Resources; Kelly Avant, Secretary

**Absent:** George Bergus; Ken Cmiel; Carolyn Dyer

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**I. Call to Order**

**II. Journal Usage Statistics**

In preparation for a possible collections budget cut in FY05, usage data for electronic journals is being looked at for cost factors. If a cut is needed, canceling needs to be done before fall 2004. Almost all e-journal providers collect data and report that to us, though each is doing a little differently. Staff have been downloading this data and trying to compare it. Shreeves handed out summary usage information from 4 selected packages. With consortial agreements we have a number of base subscriptions, but through agreement with CIC institutions, we have access to other titles in the consortia.

Ye asked if a CIC consortial agreement can be done with Elsevier (the current agreement is with the Regents). Shreeves said that this has been tried. The Regents' libraries have proposed to Elsevier to change our contract, reducing costs and access by 10%, while maintaining title sharing with ISU and UNI. Shreeves handed out a example of Wiley titles to give the Committee an idea of what the Libraries is working with and the prices that are paid.

Baker stated that overall this project is not finished, they are still looking at our other vendors. One observation of the project so far is that the Libraries is not paying for anything that is not being used, so there are no obvious titles to cut. There is high demand for many titles we don't normally subscribe to, so dumping some of the deals would have a serious effect. Cost per usage is also being balanced against the cost of an average interlibrary loan cost. Baker noted that the data is encouraging because it shows heavy use of e-journals.

On non-journal e-resources (index and abstracting services), usage data is also trying to be calculated. A possible way to save money here is to reduce the number of simultaneous users.

**III. Updates**

Baker updated the Committee on the budget situation; the Libraries will have to give back \$82,072 for the FY2004 reversion. She also briefed them on the Libraries' current planning effort, which is still underway. The Libraries is looking at how it is structured and at such things as combining service points and streamlining other operations.

**IV. Adjourned at 12:00 PM**