

Task Force on Health Sciences  
April 23, 2014, 1:00pm  
Vtel: George F. Smith C916/LSM Conference Room

Present: J. Cohn, H. Hoffman, Y. Lin, L. Mullen, K. O'Rourke, E. Sosnowska, A. Watkins,  
Y. Zhang  
Excused: R. Bronson Fitzpatrick, J. Mardikian, J. Maxymuk, N. Wadley  
Minutes: A. Watkins/J. Cohn

- 1) Minutes of the February 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Past agendas and minutes will be submitted for posting on the Staff Resources web site on RUL web.
- 2) The work of the Health Sciences Task Force will extend until at least the end of calendar 2014.
- 3) Due to timing, the Post-Integration User Survey will not be made public until the start of the Fall 2014 semester. The recent implementation of the branding survey, distributed to similar respondents, and the declining student and faculty numbers over the summer led to this recommendation. Expedited IRB approval needs to be gained, and documentation gathered, before the survey can be implemented. Other factors considered include the move to a single link resolver in mid-June, the more integrated Drupal websites for the Smith and RWJ Libraries. K. O'Rourke will sponsor the submission to the IRB, until others associated with the survey have completed CITI training.
- 4) A survey to AAHSL Directors (Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries) will be distributed in June to gain understanding of best practices for academic health sciences libraries, the shared service model with the general academic libraries, and services which are fully, partially, or not integrated. This survey will not need IRB approval at the outset. Should the Task Force determine that publication(s) will be generated from its findings, retrospective submission and permission from the IRB will be pursued. The results of this survey, to be distributed via the AAHSL listserv, will be shared with task force members, and RUL Cabinet.
- 5) The redefinition of the health sciences portal is yet to be explored in its entirety. If continued, it should be redefined to be broader in scope than the catalog holdings of the Smith and RWJ Libraries. Rather, it should include resources across the health sciences held anywhere in the RU Libraries, with the possibility of web discovery limited to health sciences content. There are currently two different A-Z lists; one comprehensive list for RUL; the other a health sciences list. The question was raised as to whether a separate health sciences list can be generated and maintained once RUL is using only one linkresolver; essentially a health sciences subset of the full RUL list. Currently a separate, manually-generated list of health sciences E-Books is available on the health sciences websites (<http://libraries.rbhs.rutgers.edu/rwilbweb/ebooks-subject.htm>). The viability of

maintaining this list once holdings are fully integrated was questioned; the list is very popular among health sciences. Ways to continue it / generate it need to be explored.

- 6) The major discussion focused on the library of record for medicine and health sciences, current collection and retention practices of RUL and the need to conduct collection analyses to form the basis for recommendations. The disposition of print and medical collections currently housed at LSM, Smith and Dana were discussed. (See attached summary reported to Library Resources Council.) LSM and Smith Libraries have similar collection missions for print, although Smith is exclusively health sciences versus LSM which houses broader science collections. The role of on-site print collections, should quick turnaround and delivery be a system-wide norm, becomes less meaningful. Improvements in document and book delivery are fundamental to planning for substantial print reductions. Next steps include: JC to draft a distributed model for print collections in the health sciences; improve collaboration on LibGuides.
- 7) A follow-up meeting will be scheduled via Doodle poll.