Richmond Academic Library Consortium

Location: Union-PSCE

February 2, 2005

In Attendance:

John Ulmschneider, presiding (VCU); Virginia Cherry (RBC); Kip Campbell (Library of Virginia); Joe Coalter (Union-PSCE); Linda Luebke (JTCC); Abdul Miah (JSRCC); Helen McKann (John Tyler); Paul Porterfield (University of Richmond); Ginger Young (R-MC); Jim Rettig (UR)

1. President John Ulmschneider called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

2. Minutes of the Board meeting of 11/23/04 were approved as submitted.
   1. Meeting minutes will be posted on the RALC Web site shortly after each meeting.

3. Treasurer’s report from Paul Porterfield:
   1. All dues have been paid.
   2. Have not yet had any expenditures for programs or continuing education.
   3. Committees should alert Paul about any large expenditures it anticipates next year so that Paul can include these in the new budget.

4. Organization of committees in RALC:
   1. Virginia Cherry recommended posting on the Web site Joy Galoni’s guidelines for committee chairs. Virginia will arrange for Hong Wu to do this.

5. Agenda for the Annual Meeting 4/12/05.
   1. The budget.
   2. If anyone has additional agenda items, send those to John Ulmschneider.

6. Committee reports
   1. Technical Services Committee—Rachel Frick reported that the committee has not been active recently and does not have a report.
   2. Public Services Committee—Helen McKann reported that the committee is planning a program on service to distance learners. Date and time not yet set; however Esther Onega of UVa will make the presentation.
   3. Film Cooperative Committee—John Ulmschneider distributed the committee’s statistical report. It demonstrates the value of the Film Co-op service to our students and faculty.
      i. Streaming video may change some of the ways that the Film Co-op operates.
      ii. Streaming video and audio would be a good program topic.
7. RALC Scholarship timetable FY05-06

1. John Ulmschneider distributed copies of the RALC scholarship plan and a draft announcement for the program.
2. Ginger Young asked if it is restricted to students planning for careers in academic libraries. The plan approves 11/23/04 specifies “…undertaken with the intent to pursue a career in academic librarianship.”
3. Deadline for the first round of applications will be due March 25, 2005.

8. Next meeting will be held at the Library of Virginia on April 12, 2005.

9. The June meeting will be at the new library at Virginia State University. Date to be determined.

10. Announcements

- Richard Bland—
  1. Searching for two positions—one full-time, one half-time
  2. Residence halls will open in 2007 and will require extended hours and additional staff
  3. Building renovation will begin in the fall and be complete 18 months later
  4. The library will need to move to other quarters during at least part of the project

- JSRCC—
  1. New library & technology building delayed until additional funds are secured; request in with General Assembly
  2. President reallocated some of the increase in the line item budget designated for the library; so have put out an RFP for a consultant to describe the library of the future
  3. Because of a retirement will need a new coordinator this summer for the Parham Road campus

- JTCC—
  1. Hopes that the state’s improved budget situation will have positive effect—ideally funding a full-time director
  2. Opening of Route 288 has increased demand at the Midlothian campus

- VCU—
  1. Enrollment projections 34,500 by 2009, most of the increase undergraduates
  2. Sponsored research exceeds $200 million
  3. Have hired 28 new staff
  4. Expect stronger budget
  5. Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for a community outreach project to record histories of underrepresented groups in the area
  6. Sarah Wasting is leaving to take a senior administrative position at UCLA

- Union-PSCE—
  1. Installing ExLibris
  2. Have acquired a first English edition of Calvin and looking for an appraiser
• UR—
  1. Collection measurement completed in January in anticipation of reorganizing collections (at least those on B1 & B2)
  2. Next year’s freshmen will pay tuition 31% higher than current students
  3. New Carnegie classification: Baccalaureate liberal arts
  4. Next year will have a wider range of film programming than usual—e.g., African and Chinese
  5. Media Resource Center has purchased a DVD inspection and cleaning machine
  6. On the advice of 3M, no longer security stripping DVDs

• Library of Virginia—
  1. Tweaking ExLibris
  2. Wrestling with issues of electronic publication and archiving; members of the General Assembly have been surprised that there are additional costs associated with this
  3. Purchasing a sophisticated system for handling born digital materials and tracking changes
  4. Hiring again
  5. Offering two online reference services: reference chat and a pilot project for asking government specialists

• Randolph Macon—
  1. Tuition next year going up “only” 7%; plan to admit more students next fall
  2. Next year’s budget include $250,000 for a presidential search
  3. With the faculty’s support, has had to defend librarian’s tenure track faculty status
  4. A new librarian starting today!
  5. Interviews scheduled for the other reference position
  6. Tech services position awaiting approval