A. Du Bois Center/Horace Mann Bond Room update - Whitney Battle-Baptiste

Whitney shared exciting news about plans to refresh room 2220, which has been the Horace Mann Bond Center for Equal Education since 1988. Prof. Meyer Weinberg, who ran the Center for Equal Education in the School of Education, also managed the Bond Center.

The space is in the process of being cleaned up and reimagined and part of that includes renaming it as the Du Bois Center. Very soon it will be painted and carpeted and we hope to add some artwork that honors both the Du Bois and Bond legacies. The goal is for this to be a space for the Du Bois fellows to work and also open for student use and programming. Those of us who attended presentations by Prof. Krista Harper’s ethnographic research classes no doubt remember her student comments that this space should be available for student use. There will be a general announcement once the space is renovated!

B. Open Access Policy progress report – Erin Jerome

In order to notify publishers of our new faculty Open Access policy (effective 7/1/16), the Scholarly Communication department drafted a publisher notification letter and addendum to copyright transfer that was sent out to a list of roughly 5000 publishers at the beginning of July along with a copy of the UMass policy (documents can be viewed here). Website updates and another round of letters to humanities and social science publishers to follow.

Erin Jerome reviewed the entire list to make sure the information on the list was correct. Following the review, letters were sent to 512 publishers. The UMass Amherst Open Access Policy takes precedence over publisher policy but if faculty are concerned, they should submit an opt-out waiver. Erin is still working on posting the deposit form, addendum to copyright waiver, and waiver forms. In the interim until those are posted faculty can email scholarworks@library.umass.edu. Will the Scholarly Communication Office keep statistics on the number of submissions and waivers? Yes.

C. Subscription Review – Sally Krash (readings attached and on LibWire)

For the FY17 fiscal year, to meet the reduced acquisitions budget, Acquisitions needs to reduce continuing resource subscriptions by $200K.

Sally talked about reviewing the university press approval plan we have with YBP. Last year IRM budgeted $200,000 for that plan but actually expended $250,000. IRM staff will be working with the subject selectors over the next week to review the approval plan profile. UMass is also talking with Mt. Holyoke and Smith regarding a shared university press plan. A Tableau visualization has
been created which illustrate circulation of materials by LC classification, by title, and by publisher. Steve is willing to meet with selectors to review information regarding their subject areas as desired.

Scott Stangroom provided information on the effort to reduce the continuing resources budget by $200,000 fiscal year 2017. Three resources have already been cancelled (Data Planet, and Labor and Employment Labor Law) resulting in $35K savings. The Electronic Resources Review Committee (ERRC) will be meeting soon to strategize on potential candidates for cancellation in consultation with liaisons.

Sally updated LET on the University of Montreal Collections Working Group report (http://www.ala.org/alctsnews/features/ac2016-program-bigdeal) on their approach to reviewing journal packages. SMG endorsed a proposal to use the University of Montreal approach to review journal packages to which we subscribe. Sally outlined the steps we’ll need to take to undertake this project (which she also posted to LibWire). Discussion ensued about talking to faculty about this issue.

D. **RefWorks Interface update** – Dave Mac Court

Many of you have heard or seen discussions about the migration to a new RefWorks interface. As we slowly migrate to the new RefWorks platform, this will be a chance to see the new interface and to learn about how its use may have changed and ask any questions that you may have. For an overview and help about the new RefWorks from ProQuest see http://proquest.libguides.com/newrefworks/welcome.

We opted to go with the soft upgrade where the user will be prompted to upgrade to the new version or using the ‘classic’ version as they login. RefWorks is offering webinars that may be of interest:

https://proquestmeetings.webex.com/mw3000/mywebex/default.do?nomen=true&siteurl=proquestmeetings&service=6&rnd=0.9930500612689034&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fproquestmeetings.webex.com%2Fec3000%2Feventcenter%2Fprogram%2FprogramDetail.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26internalProgramTicketUnList%3D4832534b000000029d76e39a1ec3e6115ca308bb65d244a55c1a4d45b97324399133b81081fe6c%26PRID%3Db554541f7b8f683c98e188d82bc79b99%26internalProgramTicket%3D4832534b000000029d76e39a1ec3e6115ca308bb65d244a55c1a4d45b97324399133b81081fe6c%26ProgViewID%3D1269722%26siteurl%3Dproquestmeetings

Brian will work on scheduling a LET meeting before the semester begins to walk through the new RefWorks interface.

E. **Announcements**

Tomorrow (8/23) there will be a training on Thompson Reuters InCites starting 1 p.m. in room 1620. On August 24, there’s a Project Management webinar starting at 2:30 p.m. in room 2601.
Work continues on room 1920 to convert it to a classroom to replace room 1320 and we’re hoping it will be ready for us early in the fall 2016 semester.