

Central Library Advisory Council (CLAC)
Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS)
November 7, 2005

Present: Paul Hicok, Jeff Cannell, Deborah Canzano, Jane Minotti, Lenny Zapala,
Pat Sahr, Barbara Nichols Randall, Jo-Ann Benedetti, Phil Ritter (notes)

Absent: None

Chair P. Hicok called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room at UHLS. The minutes of the meeting on October 4, 2005, were noted and approved as written.

J. Benedetti presented her analysis of the usage of Ebsco *Masterfile Select* as compared with the usage of Ebsco *Masterfile Premier*. This analysis turned up multiple problems with the data. For example, neither the list of *Premier* titles, nor the list of *Select* titles that Ebsco provides seems to be complete, as 25% of the titles our member libraries have accessed are not in either database. The integrity of the data was lacking (journals without ISSNs, journal names misspelled, etc). Although comparison was difficult, it was determined that less than 24% of the titles accessed system-wide were in *Masterfile Premier*. Please contact Jo-Ann if you want the complete analysis.

It was noted that CLAC needed to resolve whether or not they would consider the proposal made by J. Cannell at the October 4 meeting before dealing with any concerns that CLAC may have with the current databases and/or their statistics. After some discussion, P. Sahr moved and L. Zapala seconded that the CLAC try the proposal by J. Cannell for one year. J. Cannell said that if this motion was approved, he would present a written proposal to CLAC that clarifies the details and answers the questions that have been raised. He acknowledged that there were a number of items, such as the loan period of DVDs, that need to be negotiated. During further discussion, it was agreed that there were a number of concerns that needed to be resolved before the proposal could be implemented. The motion was approved with five (5) in favor and three (3) against.

It was agreed that the CLAC would meet again this month to discuss and negotiate concerns regarding this proposal. This needed to be done before the proposal could be given final approval and implemented.

The next meeting of CLAC will be held on Monday, November 28, 2005, in the Green Room at UHLS.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.