

UHLS E-Content Advisory Committee (ECAC) – Meeting Minutes

09/20/2021

Attending via UHLS Zoom: Judith Wines, Chair (RCSC), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Natalie Hurteau, Secretary (UHLS), Melissa Tacke (CAST), Nathaniel Heyer (COLN), Kim Roppolo (STEP), Stephanie Anderson (APL), Geoffrey Kirkpatrick (BETH), Kristina Ronald (GUIL) Anne Pitlyk (UHLS),

Absent: Sarah Clark (VOOR)

Meeting called to order by J. Wines at 2:01 pm

Minutes: Were emailed to be reviewed by members before the meeting. S. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by G. Kirkpatrick. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **RLA:**
 - Tim Burke sent a follow up email to potential partners for RLA but only Mid-Hudson responded, stating they are no longer interested.
 - N. Hurteau reached out to Overdrive for other partners; UHLS suggested SALS, MVLS, and Mid-York as we already have a great working relationship with them. Overdrive loved the idea and will talk about it with their team and get back to UHLS.

- **At Large Member:**
 - ECAC received two nominations to fill the At-Large Member seat; Catherine Snow (EGRN) and Colleen Elithorpe (VOOR).
 - Members felt that since there was already a VOOR representative on ECAC, and it would be nice to have EGRN's point of view, Catherine Snow should fill the At-Large seat.
 - M. Tacke made a motion to elect Catherine Snow to fill the At-Large seat, seconded by K. Roppolo.

- **Diversity Audit**
 - N. Hurteau emailed out the diversity audit report from Overdrive to members and asked for any feedback to report to Overdrive.
 - Members didn't see any issues with the report and agreed to run it quarterly
 - A. Pitlyk will send out diversity audit chart with other e-content quarterly reports
 - J. Wines asked K. Ronald and A. Pitlyk how ordering with the 40% diversity goal was going. Both reported that it was very easy to achieve.
 - N. Hurteau will share the report with the ATF

New Business:

- **Kanopy**
 - N. Hurteau spoke with new Kanopy rep Hannah Smalls regarding a system-wide Kanopy service and asked K. Ronald to discuss Guilderland's experiences with Kanopy as they are a new user.

- N. Hurteau reported that Kanopy only has about 3 other systems that they are working with, but the overall structure would be similar to how Hoopla is set up now.
- Kanopy is a service is also very similar to Hoopla in that it is still its own app, and it's a cost per circ model, and no collection development. There can however, be different add-ons like "The Great Courses."
- Still a lot of questions around cost; N. Hurteau is waiting for quotes. Kanopy, for system usage is set up by **active users** not population, and the more libraries that buy in, the higher our discount will be
- N. Hurteau noted that Central Library money can be used for non-fiction, and that perhaps this year it could go towards the add on of "The Great Courses" if every library wants to buy in.
- N. Hurteau also noted that for the four libraries (BETH, GUIL, VOOR, WTVT) transition to a system wide service, would be similar to Hoopla in that the money already put down would be rolled over into the new account.
- S. Anderson asked if Kanopy would be set up the way Hoopla is now with reporting; with only UHLS having access to the database. N. Hurteau said she would have to double check with Tim Burke, but is guessing that that is probably correct if Central Library Funds are going towards the product.
- **BiblioBoards**
 - N. Heyer walked members through BiblioBoards
 - \$6,400 a year per system for smaller package
 - \$12,000 a year per system for high end package
 - J. Wines will bring to DA, and if interested, ask N. Heyer to schedule a demo
- **Overdrive Magazines**
 - N. Hurteau forwarded an email from Overdrive to Members prior to the meeting, regarding future 2022 pricing for magazines.
 - There will be no tiers of magazines this year, but rather just one price of \$20,000 for 3,000+ magazines
 - Members discussed the pros and cons of Overdrive Magazines and how the budget may shake out with Central Library Funds.
 - S. Anderson asked if UHLS could get a comparative quote from Flipster. Even though Flipster has been more expensive in the past, Members agree that it is a superior product and it couldn't hurt to look at pricing.
- **Overdrive Spending increase**
 - J. Wines asked members to review the suggestion of increasing Overdrive Spending by 5%.
 - There was some uncertainty with the timeline of when and how long it would keep increasing by 5%, ultimately, the members agreed that the 5% increase should remain indefinitely until there is a need to reexamine.

Task Items:

- N. Hurteau to reach out to Flipster regarding comparative quotes of magazines
- A. Pitlyk will share out diversity reports from Overdrive with other database reports
- J. Wines will ask the DA about a Biblioboards demo
- N. Hurteau will continue to follow up with Overdrive regarding RLA

Next Meeting: TBD after CLAC meets and quotes are gathered

Adjournment: J. Wines made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm

Respectfully submitted, N. Hurteau