

JSMIN, 2017-03-09

Notes from 2CUL JSMIN meeting, March 9, 2017

Attending: Jeff Carroll, Adam Chandler, Sarah Elman, Kate Harcourt, Jesse Koennecke, Jim LeBlanc, Chew Chiat Naun, Mark Wilson

1. Mark talked about his involvement in the "empower staff" aspect of Columbia's Strategic Directions campaign and asked for further information on Cornell's Career Development Week. In addition to background about this Cornell program – in which staff talk about projects, research, and even their routine unit work during a dedicated time period every spring – we also discussed the Cornell LTS Workplace Environment Group, a standing committee made up of both academic and non-academic staff that monitors and reviews issues related to workplace conditions within Library Technical Services.
2. We identified two substantive topics for our June meeting, which we may reschedule to an earlier date depending on the perceived urgency of the topics. The first relates to the changes afoot at Columbia and the "full-scale" review of technical services operations to present to Bob Wolven's replacement later in the spring. Since Cornell technical services may also be reviewing its operations (albeit more informally) with Naun's departure and the anticipated appointment of a new UL in the spring/summer, a review of the Columbia consultants' recommendations, along with an update on operational concerns at Cornell, is likely to be useful to both our groups. It will also be useful for us to discuss the perceived impact on our operations of Ivy Plus initiatives and the recent proliferation of Ivy Plus working groups, task forces, and proposals for the development of new collaborative tools. Specifically, what do the lessons we've learned from TSI and our use of the middle-out approach to compare local workflows and priorities tell us about the expansion of the Ivy Plus vision? The recent addition of Jeff to our group is likely to be particularly useful in this regard, given his longer-term involvement with Ivy Plus collaborative collection development discussions.