

Mellon 8 Steering Committee
Notes. April 22, 2003

Present: Elliott Shore, Peggy Seiden, Bob Kieft, Donna Fournier, Amy McColl, Eric Pumroy, Linda Bills
At Haverford

1. Talking points document. We made some corrections to the document. The next draft will be sent to the bibliographers for comment. We will add a statistics page which will have:

Construction cost of new space per square foot and the number of vols that can be shelved per square foot (Peggy)
Growth projections if we do nothing, reduce collection by x% or y% (Donna and Linda)
An “index of breadth” (as opposed to a index of overlap) – finding some way to represent the depth of the whole collection and of sections that gives us positive goals. (Linda, Donna with advice from Dave Consiglio). Also see if we can compare the index of breadth between HC and BMC with that among the three colleges.

To answer the question, “how much to we have to get rid of” we will begin with the goal of staying within the current space for 10 years. The implications could then be stated as “Haverford needs to divest of” , etc.

2. Coordinating Reference Collections (suggestion from Bill Turpin)
Issues involved include different library policies about putting books in the stacks versus reference, the possibility of circulating some reference books even if they are still located in reference collections, comparing print materials with the core of online reference. Where reference overlap makes sense and where we might share.
The group referred this issue to the Pubs group.

3. Staff Development. There was extensive discussion of different models for staff development and sharing knowledge and skills. The committee was most interested in creating a series of seminars. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

4. Camden County College request for our discarded materials.
We determined that faculty will get first crack at discarded books. We will investigate also Mellon’s list of historically black colleges that need resources. Depending on what we find there, we will offer the books to Camden if (1) they will take everything we offer and cart it off and (2) they will take anything they don’t need and send it to whoever we designate.
Journals will go to CRL for their JSTOR project (what about non-Jstor titles?)
The Process committee will deal further with these matters along these general guidelines.

5. Tri-Colleges is the official form of our name

6. Survey. More changes were suggested. Swarthmore trial results are coming in. Draft 7 will be used by BMC and HC for testing, then the final will be sent out to faculty before the end of classes.