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Minutes of the September 27, 2001 meeting
State Regents' Conference Room, Oklahoma City

Sharon Saulmon called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Phil Moss introduced James Deaton, Chief Technology Officer from the State Regents' Office. Dr. Deaton shared additional information concerning Internet 2 (peer-to-peer committee, middleware and a NSF grant to study middleware). Anyone interested in more information can go to the website at http://www.internet2.edu.

Phil then introduced Laura Tyree from the OSRHE Office of System Research. She discussed data collection for the Academic Library Survey (ALS). She gave a brief history of IPEDS, which ALS branched off of. ALS will still be on a two-year cycle. There is a peer analysis tool currently with 1998 data. Data for 2000 will be available in a few months. More information is available at http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries.

Sharon introduced Dr. June Lester from the OU School of Library and Information Science. She is doing an evaluation of funding on LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) for ODL. An evaluation is mandated by LSTA. A survey of all academic libraries was done concerning statewide information databases. Dr. Lester wanted to discuss certain results of that survey.

Dr. Lester discussed the general misconception of libraries of where funds come from for these databases. Many thought they came from the State Regents and the legislature. The funds come from LSTA and ODL. She wanted to know if the group felt it was important for libraries to know where the funds come from. The group agreed this was important.

Dr. Lester discussed the ranking for each database, why some ranked certain titles more important than the usage was indicating.

Dr. Lester asked for stories or anecdotes concerning usage. If anyone has any to share they may call or email her.

Comments made on the survey were discussed.

Member introductions and updates on institution activities were made.

Minutes of the August 30, 2001 meeting were approved.

David Robinson gave a report on the Cooperative Collection Development Committee. They are working on three areas:

PsychInfo - whether members are interested in getting full-text.

Companies which manage electronic magazines/journals.

Identify other databases members may be interested in getting group pricing on.

David thanked everyone who provided salary information. He said he would email the results to all members.

Jon Sparks reported the Expanded Academic Support Committee needs members. Please let Jon know if you interested.

Sharon has prepared a summary sheet of the student survey to share with the Student Advisory Board and the Council on Instruction.

Sharon discussed the possibility for a NSF grant would be 24/7 reference service. Anyone interested in working on the grant should contact Ed Johnson.

The next meeting will be a videoconference on October 25, 2001. OSRHE will be a host site in Oklahoma City. Beth Freeman has volunteered her institution in Tulsa. If anyone else is interested in hosting, please contact Ed Johnson.

Further discussion continued on database journal overlap and upcoming meetings this fall.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Barbara King
Secretary