



TO: Erika Peterson, Director of Media Resources
FROM: Genya O'Gara, Director of Collections
SUBJECT: 2012-2014, 2014- , Collection Development Committee Service
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Cc: Jenne Klotz, Interim Associate Dean for Public Services

Dear Erika,

Thank you for serving on the 2012-2014, and 2014- Collection Development Committee (CDC). This committee has embarked on several large, organizationally challenging projects over the course of the past few years, and your contributions and leadership as the Arts and Humanities Cluster representative were instrumental in helping us to accomplish the volume of work that we have been able to.

Over the course of the past few years this committee embarked on a complete continuing resources review (not a small undertaking), the implementation of collapsed funds in multiple clusters, the exploration of new content development methods, including data driven reference purchases and request driven deposit purchasing, the revision of the wishlist request forms and procedures, a review of allocation models, and of course, the ongoing review and approval of new continuing resources.

In particular I want to note your work on the continuing resources review. This review was structured in two parts, starting with all databases, and continuing on to journals. The database review included metrics such as current and project costs, use represented graphically over time, overlap analysis of resources to evaluate for redundancy, and recommendations were made by the affiliated subject cluster teams of librarians to the CDC for approval. For the second part of the review, the journal review, campus was asked to directly contribute their feedback through a web-form that highlighted the highest cost-per-use titles in the collection. The clusters of affiliated librarians were asked to make recommendations to CDC based on multiple metric points, and campus feedback. CDC then made final recommendations for cancellations and renegotiations. This review facilitated campus involvement and enabled librarians to make data driven decisions. It has resulted in cost savings and elimination of redundancy for campus, and it would not be possible without strong leadership on behalf of the cluster representatives who made tough decisions. Particularly during the database review, your leadership on behalf of the Arts and Humanities cluster, in finding more cuts than those asked of the cluster, directly supported colleagues in other clusters who were unable to realize the asked for savings. In addition to the above noted contributions, you also regularly updated the CDC on the work of the last copy video project, helped ensure all unique title lists for the VIVA monographic project were reviewed, and managed the work of the largest cluster of affiliated subject librarians.

Specifically I would like to note your continued humor during difficult collections conversations, and your balanced approach to developing continuing resources. The group should be immensely proud of the amount accomplished in the past few years.

I have enjoyed working with you, and very much appreciate your contributions to CDC.

Sincerely,

Genya
(CDC, Chair)