SCDC Minutes - Monday, August 12th, 10am

Attendees: Barbara Borst (CMU-phone), Diana Carney (Alliance), Dawn Combe (Regis), Emma Covelli (CSM), Beth Denker (Alliance), Katy DiVittorio (Aur), Kayla Lenkner (CC), ), Allison Level (CSU-phone), Michael Levine-Clark (DU), George Machovec (Alliance), Dave Macauley (UW), Ellen Metter (Aur), Shannon Tharpe (DU), Tiffanie Wick (WSCU-phone), Gabby Wiersma (CUB)

1. Recap of Member Council discussion on Elsevier renewal - attached
   * Negotiating team (Robert McDonald, Michael Levine-Clark, Martin Garnar, Diane Klare, Allison Level, Debbie McCarthy, Gabby Wiersma, George Machovec, and Beth Denker) – The committee will have a kickoff meeting in September. It is specifically responsible for the Elsevier negotiation, but will be strategizing about all big deals in the pipeline. George will send out a scheduling doodle soon.
   * Communications team (Carol Smith, Melissa DeSantis, Dustin Fife, Cinthya Ippoliti, possible additional person to liaise between groups?) – In addition to the Elsevier negotiating team, there will be a communications team to develop strategies for communicating information about these deals to campus constituencies. Currently, there is no SCDC representation on this team, but there probably should be. Most meetings will be virtual; please volunteer if interested.
   * Big Deal/Negotiations survey results – attached. Beth discussed the survey results noting that a couple of institutions did not respond and that there were two responses from the same institution. DPL was not included because they do not participate in the Elsevier deal. The majority priorities for the deal are capping annual increases and reducing overall spend. Beth boiled down comments into themes: budget, impact of cancellation, demand for campus content, etc. Cost savings seems to be the most important takeaway. Respondents are theoretically interested in flipping the model and OA, but cost is still the most important consideration. There was no dominant time frame desired among respondents. Feedback from committee members included the possibility that the Cal tipping point summit in D.C., might sway opinions in the group. Robert McDonald from CU is attending the summit with a CU faculty member. Only 28 applicants were selected to attend the summit. It is hoped that Robert will provide a summary of the summit or that Ivy Anderson from CDL will provide a briefing for consortia directors, as most big deals are run through consortia. There was one response about walking away from the deal. We have time to see how this strategy works for other organizations. In the last Member Council meeting it was emphasized that Alliance members should stick together, as consortia wield greater power than individual institutions and that Elsevier will likely approach Alliance members individually in the hope of weakening the consortium. The Member Council would like the negotiating committee to open the negotiation by presenting what we think the deal should look like instead of letting Elsevier drive the bus. SCDC members need to collaborate with deans and directors on what is presented to Elsevier. Additional feedback included thinking about purchasing more perpetual access titles. Cal has ca. 90% in perpetual access; this makes walking away from a deal more palatable.
   * Publishing by institution and comparison to costs and usage – attached. George presented some analytics he had prepared for the July council meetings. He was unable to narrow by publisher, but could narrow by institution. His analysis includes 2017/2018 data, mostly in STEM journals and authored by Alliance member faculty. He needs data from publishers to get more reliable information.
   * Beth included a spreadsheet to look at usage/cost modelling. Gabby is looking at where CU faculty is publishing and comparing it to % of budget by publisher. Elsevier is mainly where they publish. She is also discovering who is on editorial boards and doing peer review. Publishers should provide this data to us. Allison is interested in Robert’s and CU faculty member’s feedback from tipping point summit. Gabby will get a summary from him and he will be invited to join us for an SCDC meeting. Gabby is also getting faculty input on future big deals.
2. Recap of Diversity and Inclusivity in Collection Building Workshop

* Feedback or comments from the presentations/sessions? Michael proposed a working group for best practice sharing at the Alliance level. George will send out a URL for the conference web site so SCDC members can view presentations. Gabby said she would share CU notes created on Google Docs.

1. Update on “Not Bought” program with GOBI (George Machovec)
   * George sent ISBNs from Alliance libraries dated 2010 to the present. GOBI will set up a pick list to see if key titles from that date range had not been purchased. George will follow up with GOBI to learn the status of this list.
2. SILLVR update (George Machovec & Katy DiVittorio – attached
   * Katy: Two vendors have been selected for the pilot: SWANK and Films on Demand. They plan to launch with SWANK in Spring 2020. Only academic libraries will be able to request SWANK content. The lenders for Films on Demand are Auraria, Colorado College, Colorado Mesa University, UCCS and Wyoming. Lenders for SWANK are Auraria, DU and Wyoming. Rose Nelson will be working with the SILLVR team and the Prospector Cataloging and Document Delivery Committees to implement the pilot.
3. OJS update – signed contract (George Machovec)
   * Open Journal Systems. George discussed the open source journal platform out of Simon Fraser, vended out of PKP. The Alliance has signed a contract with PKP for the hosting of journals. CU and Wyoming have signed up for the hosting of 7 of their journals. To sign up for the professional level of hosting costs $1200 per journal per year. Student journals are hosted for free. UCCS may be interested. George requested that interested members contact him. Target date to be up and running is the end of the calendar year. Titles are being migrated from BePress/Digital Commons. Institutions may directly contact PKP for new journal titles but invoices will run through the Alliance.
4. Other announcements or updates from the libraries
   * There is no word on the new dean at CSU.
   * Beth mentioned that Gregory Heald of UNC is going to be the Dean of Libraries at Suffolk University. There will be a new SCDC rep. from UNC soon.

7. eBooks Inventory Survey

* What survey information would be helpful? The survey should provide an inventory of Ebook packages purchased outside of the Alliance. Content coverage and model are also important to better understand what individual members do; then better planning can occur at the consortium level. This might result in getting better deals at the Alliance level, expanding DDA and/or multiple options for resource sharing. PALCI is negotiating dual access: hosting on publisher and third party platforms. Auraria is having a discussion with Taylor and Francis regarding ILL. T&F currently allows ILL on their own platform but not on ebook Central. Allison mentioned that non-Alliance evidence based ebooks should be included in the survey. Beth will have the survey ready in the next couple of weeks; please send desired survey questions/suggestions to her via email ASAP. Michael and Gabby will review and revise the initial draft of the survey.

8. New offers and renewals (Beth Denker): Springer eBooks and Journals update – walk through of current offering

* Our Springer deal ends on 12/31/19. Max has sent a status quo offer and Beth is asking him to be a little more creative. If maintaining the status quo, there will be a 4% rate of rise. If the Alliance spends an additional $250,000, Springer would give us a 3.5% rate of rise. CSU and UNC have made purchases toward this amount of $120,000. Another $130,000 in purchases would be needed for the 3.5% rate of rise. Beth has information on Palgrave and gap content; for which the pricing may be negotiated. CSU has an EBA commitment for Palgrave content. Springer wants to know if Alliance members will be purchasing gap content by the end of September. They need this for new license rate of rise percentage.
* Springer journals. There is currently no Alliance license for Springer journals. Most Alliance members get Springer journals through GWLA or other consortia. GWLA is going to start tacking on a fee for licensing for some of these products; Auraria has already seen the additional fee. The Alliance is going to start a Springer journals license in January with the same terms as GWLA but without the licensing fee. It will be a 3 or 4 year deal. Alliance members would need to decide on 3 or 4 years. The 3 year deal would include a 3% cap on Springer imprints and 5% on Nature journals. Members can stay with their current package or do an all-access package. The 4 year deal would include a 2% cap on Springer journals and a 5% cap on Nature journals. Beth is not sure what is negotiable on AO/APC for Springer journals. Please send questions about this new license to Beth. If your library currently has no Springer journal subscription, the first year price point is reasonable at $7500. Beth is going to send out Springer ebook and Springer journal offer emails separately.
* Other offers and business: Beth sent out an offer on Docuseek. Please mention the Alliance if you want an extra discount on select titles. She is working on archive offers and will send out consolidated information soon. Most September and October renewals have gone out. Finally, please send back audit confirmation letters if you haven’t already done so.