SCDC Agenda

Monday July 13, 2020 10am-noon

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1. SAGE Premier Journal renewal: Beth does not have a proposal from Sage although she met with them a couple of weeks ago. Options for the Alliance: provide feedback to Beth if you have any. Summary (some sites have these already): All-access option, option for a fixed list, and a database model. There are a lot of administrative complications for transfer titles under the Sage license. Beth told Sage rep that we needed no increase and some libraries may need to make cuts. The renewal is January 2021 and will probably be a three year license. The current license has a strong financial difficulty clause and we will make sure it is included in the new license. Libraries can pick the best option for their situation.

Unsub has not loaded Sage data yet. Is there still time to cancel titles before 2021? Beth will look at past emails to see if there have been deadlines in the past. Is there any APC information for Sage journals? Beth will find out.

2.  Wiley journal renewal: Increases will be flat this year. We are not currently in a multi-year. We had signed a one year extension to an existing 4 year multi-year license. Beth is waiting on our rep. to indicate if the 0% increase is for everything. This is the year we would be signing a multi-year. They need to come back with increases if we were to sign a multi-year deal. We need to know if these publishers are going to come back after 0% increase years with huge hikes, e.g., 8% to make up for no increases in previous years.

Anna: ProQuest rep is planning on a 0% increase for 2021, but going on with business as usual this year. They are willing to look at a multi-year, 0% increase.

3. Elsevier

·         Ebook proposal: Our all-access deal gave us access to unpurchased material; Alliance has purchased a lot, but there is a ton of unpurchased content. Rate increases can probably be negotiated. They are wrapping Wyoming into the offer at the same price, with a 5% increase. Beth needs to do some modeling on this. The Biomedical collection is included at no cost. 1, 3 and 5 year proposals were introduced. Beth will calculate who pays what based on our assessment budget; larger institutions will likely need to subsidize any contract/purchase. She will provide this and then ask for your specific feedback so she can go back to them with our needs.

Will we keep all-access? Beth says all access is all or nothing; we either all get it or nobody gets it. Beth will model pricing with and without all-access. Allison mentioned that CSU has very high usage and that should be reflected in the cost model. Beth will ask for individual library usage.

o   Can ensure a financial exit clause for the multi-year deals for security

o   Medical Archive of HS titles released from Clinical Key are being added to All-Access collection: 209 titles from years 2004-2014

·         Further discussion on Elsevier Freedom Collection proposal (see attached, don’t share outside the group): Elsevier has come back with a variety of options: 5 options with different rates of rise, APC discounts and reduction in subscribed to titles. Would all-access option with no or some reduction in subscribed to titles, lower our cost significantly?

Libraries not wanting to do larger package could choose specific titles at retail rate. Title by title.

Option 1C looks interesting to negotiating committee and member council. We are looking at giving feedback to Elsevier and finding out how much our base price would drop if we reduced subscribed to titles even more. Perhaps we could get closer to a 23% discount than we originally proposed. There is currently no APC discount and we should see if we could look at APCs separately. The large discount in 1C is not really that large, the fees move to the Freedom Collection access fee.

It is possible that we could move to a shared collection of subscribed to titles. Beth mentioned that managing a title list is administratively difficult.

We are still trying to stick together as a group in what we are asking for. Let’s try and make that work before thinking about choosing your own option. But it may be inevitable. We will try and get a clause for individual libraries to move to different options, even within a given fiscal year.

Libraries should also review subscribed to titles to look at usage and swap out if possible. We may decide to start over completely with subscribed to title lists.

Deans and Directors have seen these proposals. Please do not share this proposal outside of your library; it is fine to talk to your leadership.

4. Unsub (formerly Unpaywall): We need to upload backfile holdings.

·         Training session: George will set up a date for training and it will be recorded for those who cannot attend. He will also ask about loading Sage data. George is also asking them to put up a consortial dashboard. Libraries can currently look at their own data if uploaded.

·         Use and feedback to date: CUB and CSU had in-depth training. First step: do not manipulate initial configuration. Copy and use the copy you make for manipulation. This is very important. If you reconfigure the raw data, it will need to be uploaded again.

5. Discussion about vendors offering 0% increases

·         Update on known vendors/publishers

·         What about subsequent years

·         If a vendor is offering a journal package renewal for 0%, what about other products

6. EBSCO Consortia Subscription Services: EBSCO is trying to get consortia to negotiate and do leg work and then have accounting go through them. This is probably not a great idea as it involves passing the financial baton from Alliance to EBSCO to vendor. There is a lot of room for error and also ethical issues: EBSCO is a competitor to the vendors/publishers they will be paying on our behalf. There seems to be very little benefit to this, especially if you are not using their discovery platform. The Alliance will respond to them and say the answer as of now is “no”.

7. Pandemic updates (please update pandemic Google doc ongoing as things evolve)

·         <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13mPVeWzCG-cT5ca05DcPVoXyjFRQq2-EpU2JihrMvsI/edit#gid=0>

·         What else do you have to report and questions for others

Please make an effort to update this doc.

8. Reminder about eBook ILL clause documents

·         <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R2aIAnLXynihQvEvkiw96IFnSVU5_qbLikdPbtW5KB8/edit>

·         <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rXq3lmHWFVBf1am8tEdmsEnRE13wGvfJYpEfi7tJViE/edit#gid=0>

Please update these docs. They are germaine to the Elsevier negotiation.

Other: Some libraries are starting to go online on Prospector. Contact Rose if you feel you are ready.