

University Library Committee
Minutes
November 16, 2000

Present:

Eileen Hitchingham, Library

Paul Colley, Staff Senate

Richard Helm, Natural Resources

Deborah Milly, Arts and Sciences

Mark Schneider, Architecture and Urban Studies

David Beagle, Library

Absent: Ansar Ahmed, Veterinary Medicine (chair), Douglas Patterson, Business, Raymond Plaut, Engineering, Diane Gillespie, Human Resources and Education, Jay Stipes, Agriculture and Life Sciences, Robert Perry, GSA; Anne Zajac, Faculty Senate

Deborah Milly led the meeting in A. Amed's absence.

E. Hitchingham announced that the mailing of the Create Change brochure and letter would be delivered to faculty and graduate students during the last week in November.

David Beagle, Reference Librarian, presented a demonstration of how to use the online services of UnCover, a database of article information taken from over 18,000 multi-disciplinary journals. There are two components of UnCover: a specialized, for-pay current awareness service (REVEAL) and document delivery services (SUMO). Both services are subsidized by the Library for Virginia Tech users. In SUMO, on-line ordering and faxing of articles from the UnCover database to Virginia Tech faculty, staff and students may be done at no cost to themselves provided:

- The item is not already owned by the Virginia Tech Libraries.
- The cost, including all copyright fees, is \$35 or less.
- The item is available for FAX delivery.
- Your UnCover profile includes a FAX number.

In order to use the SUMO service, one must enter UnCover via the Virginia Tech UnCover Gateway, which is accessible from the Library's Databases page. Someone doing this for the first time would create a new profile, and can get this on the UnCover profile page. (Note: Only by creating a profile through the Virginia Tech UnCover gateway can one have articles paid for by Virginia Tech).

REVEAL is the current awareness component of UnCover, whereby users may receive tables of contents from up to 50 journals and store up to 25 search strategies to be run against the database. About once a week the various key words entered in the profiles are run against the database and an e-mail is sent which lists titles of the recently published articles related to the search.

There were questions about how the SUMO service compared to ILLiad. Both services are relatively comparable in cost to the library. SUMO may be a day or so faster, but the copies may not be as good as those from ILLiad. David noted that the SUMO service could be seen as complement to ILLiad in the sense that it adds another 6,000 titles to choose from and may be a little faster.

A determination will be made as to whether members are available for the scheduled December 21 meeting; it may be postponed to January.