Technical Services and Public Services: Collaborative Decision Making

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A Little History

Electronic Resources Group – early, informal group. Focused specifically on electronic resources.

Expansion of responsibilities in 2011; committee membership formalized; membership specified.

Name changed to reflect expanded charge: Collections Advisory Committee
Committee Membership

- Head of Technical Services (Chair)
- Collection Development
- Acquisitions
- Electronic Resources
- Standing Appointments
- Research & Instruction Services
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- Staggered 3-year Appointments
Budget & Prioritization
Yearly continuing resources budget; special funding, EOY funds, and expensive one-time purchases; review and prioritization of requested resources

Policy
Fund shifts, subcollections, material or resource categories

Collection Review
Cancellation projects, consortial resources, annual prioritization
Benefits

Increasing transparency
   Buy-in from outside of the committee, shared understanding of reasoning behind or need for decisions

Sharing expertise
   Subject knowledge, perspectives, technical knowledge

Identifying barriers
   Hot-button issues, specific departmental or individual concerns, technological impediments
Benefits

Facilitate understanding of big picture
   Grow individuals to think beyond their subjects, balance across the whole of the collection

Distribute workload and decision making
   Many hands make light work, not one person is making all of the decisions
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