

# *A Model for Collaborative Evaluation and Selection of Electronic Resources*



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# *Agenda*



- The Environment
- Electronic Resources Committee (ERC)
- ERC Strengths
- ERC Accomplishments
- Future Directions

# *The Environment (1997)*

- Isolated pockets of knowledge
- Interdepartmental communication lacking
- Proliferation/complexity of digital formats
- Multiple access methods - no standards
- Difficulty managing licenses
- High materials costs

# *The Model (ERC)*

- Electronic Resources Committee (ERC)
  - Strategic planning initiative (1997-8)
  - Established 1998
  - New position: Electronic Resources Coordinator
  - Library goal: One-Stop-Shopping

## *The Model (ERC) #2*

- Committee charge
  - Copyright/licensing oversight
  - Approve e-resources selection
  - Determine access methods, authentication
  - Track future needs
  - Web design, content feedback

## *The Model (ERC) #3*

- Current ERC composition
  - Electronic Resources Coordinator
  - Head, Collection Development
  - Clinical Liaison/Online Services Librarian
  - Senior Reference Librarian
  - Assistant Director, Outreach Services
  - Assistant Director, Instructional Services
  - Internetworking Specialist, OIT

## *The Model (ERC) #4*

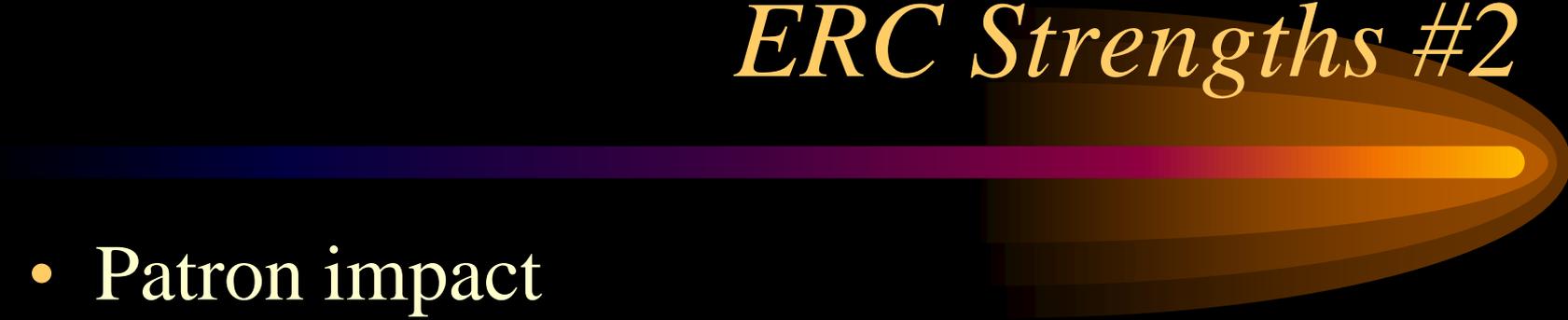
- Electronic Resources Coordinator
  - Electronic purchase oversight
  - Negotiates, tracks licenses
  - Vendor point of contact
  - Co-manages E-resources budget
  - Runs ERC
  - Investigates new technologies
  - Manages Library web pages
  - Reference, instruction, orientations

# *ERC Strengths*



- Communication
- Collaboration
  - Distributed collection development
  - Thorough e-resources evaluation
  - Technical ramifications discussed
- Control

## *ERC Strengths #2*



- Patron impact
  - Faster response to purchase suggestions
  - Increased faculty dialogue
  - Improved patron communication
  - Improved access to E-Resources

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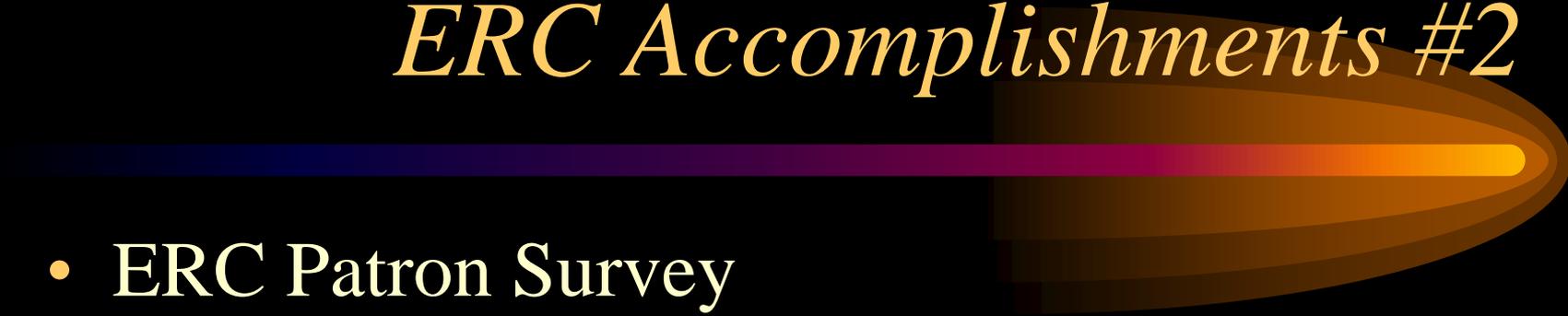
- Forum for issue discussion
  - cataloging electronic resources
  - delivery via library web page or OPAC
  - electronic journals
  - electronic reserves
  - document delivery
  - desktop configurations

# *ERC Accomplishments*



- Committee products
  - Electronic products approved, implemented
  - Policy: Web & IP authentication preferred
  - ERC Product Tracking Form
  - Collection Development Policy
  - Web-link Criteria Policy for Library web pages
  - ERC Patron Survey 3/99

# *ERC Accomplishments #2*



- ERC Patron Survey
  - Intent : Feedback/education
  - Web-based
  - Respondents -152/3000
  - Comments
    - Electronic Full Text Journals
    - Remote Access

# *Future Directions of ERC*

- Increase electronic holdings/publications
- Creative thinking regarding future needs
  - Access issues
    - docking ports, proxy servers, web referral pages
    - distance learning needs
  - Continue Strategic Planning
- Re-engineer Collection Development

## *Conclusion*



- More productive collaboration
- Fiscal responsibility
- One-Stop-Shopping

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