

Blue Ribbon Committee Progress Report May 11, 2001

The Blue Ribbon Committee continues to meet every Monday morning. We are in the final stages of developing a model organization for TSD. The structure that is taking shape is actually not too different from the one that we have. In the process of reviewing the Working Group reports, the Committee has learned that many of the changes that need to be made are in the workflow itself. Some of these changes are relatively easy to implement and, in fact, these changes are already being investigated or implemented. Other changes that relate to the implementation of ExLibris will not be made until the system is implemented. Some processes related to Gift materials, Serials, and Electronic resources will require an in depth study and will become Process Improvement Teams early this summer.

The Committee has designed a background document that describes the type of structure that we hope to create, the values that we would like to incorporate into the structure and a list of organizing principles that form the basis of the structure, (see attached). This framework has come out of our discussions and has been used as a basis for shaping our thinking. I hope that you will familiarize yourself with this document.

The organization model that we will be sharing with you will not be a final product. The model will show some areas where the BRC has not made a recommendation, or has more than one alternative. We hope to that you will provide us with some helpful feedback.

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