CAMCIG Conference Call
November 5, 2006

Present: Linda Barnhart (chair), Armanda Barone, Karleen Darr, Rebecca Doherty, Vicki Grahame, Lai-Ying Hsiung, Sara Layne, Sharon Scott (recorder), Amy Weiss. (Jim Dooley absent due to problems connecting and Bea Mallek was sick).

Representing SCP AC: Becky Culbertson, Sarah Gardner, John Riemer, Adolfo Tarango

Conference call convened 2:35 p.m.

REEXAMINATION OF THE SINGLE RECORD POLICY FOR SERIALS

From the basic draft report, Adolfo added substantial comments, then John, then Becky most recently. Jim commented last week that he wanted to run the report past ACIG so that might allow more time for our completed report.

First questions from Linda: Are we saying the right things? Are we making a compelling case for or against? Have we said what we really mean to say? Sara asked if we should organize the pros and cons in terms of the broader goals, such as maximizing the use of external sources. Many of the specifics fall into these categories. Lai-Ying suggested that we might want to wait until further decisions are made concerning the ILS. Currently campuses would not be forced to follow one model or another if they chose not to; however, if we all went to a single ILS we would all have to do the same thing. We would not want to do extra work and then be forced to redo it. It’s an important point to note what would be involved in a change, not just the pros and cons of making the change.

Some of this is currently addressed in the report; discussion followed on perhaps reorganizing the structure of the report. Sara suggested that adding the sections on what would be involved in making the change if we were to do it now first, then what would be the advantages and disadvantages to have it that way. Then at the end, if we had a blank slate, this option looks the most attractive but it will be so much work that we should look to the future, possibly a single ILS or new interface.

Adolfo suggested that an addition to the report might be the affect of a new single/multiple record policy on the designs that are being explored for a different database, such as a single data file, etc. CAMCIG hasn’t been asked to look at different models or architecture options, so depending on a final decision there we may be doing and undoing work later. This could actually be a part of this report—that a decision might be premature.

RECOMMENDATION: defer a decision on this until the future model for bibliographic services is decided. It is implied that the status quo remain as is for now. The amount of effort that would go into a change now would not be worth it, especially if we had to change again. There are lots of options but no real “right” approach, so it’s
better to wait. The suggestion was made that this should be called a Preliminary report, until more decisions are made, but that the report as it exists is more detailed than necessary for HOTS. Sara Layne volunteered to edit the report. She will get something out to CAMCIG and SCP AC by end of week and the two groups will discuss it at the SCP AC conference call on the 14th.

SCP AC members left the call.

**DATA GATHERING ON OUR RECORDS IN OCLC**

There was general surprise at how much was not in OCLC; UCLA was the closest. All UCs were represented except San Francisco. This information will probably be most useful to ULs in seeing the large numbers of things not represented in OCLC, and that percentage.

**PROGRESS REPORT ON BSTF/OCLC**

Lai-Ying gave a report on her excellent review of OCLC services. If we are going on the assumption that SOPAG/ULs are looking to replace MELVYL with an interface to UC’s holdings in WorldCat, all UC libraries have a lot of work to do. The OCLC reclamation project becomes mandatory. OCLC will depend on the UCs to maintain local data, as it will “reach back” into our local systems to retrieve that information. Our local systems become a management system for ILL, acquisitions, circulation, as well as a web OPAC for our students.

Sara suggested that we attempt to modify Lai-Ying’s diagram to indicate the large number of things that are not from OCLC. For the reclamation project, the whole database must be sent, all holdings are deleted, and then reloaded. The question was raised as to holdings on SCP records. Karleen discussed the project at Davis; there is a marker in the SCP records which can be used to eliminate it from a file, if that is the choice.

CAMCIG will look at the final revision of the report, with Lai-Ying’s revisions; she has fleshed out Section 1 as per Jim’s instructions. Data at the element level, such as local call numbers, notes, may be a more significant loss. Some of these items may not be indexed, for instance the 793s are indexed in MELVYL and could not be in OCLC. It’s not clear if collection development or ILL issues would arise by using OCLC.

It was decided at this time not to go into great detail about other possible models, as it might overwhelm HOTS or SOPAG. Some of the concerns mentioned in an earlier version of the report may be alleviated if we continue to have our local ILS.
UC DAVIS RECLAMATION PROJECT

Discussed earlier.

WRAP-UP

Rebecca: BSTF is coming up with a set of core requirements for a replacement for MELVYL. At this time CDL has no position on OCLC, assuming that whatever system is chosen will support BSTF recommendations.

ACTION ITEM: The committee should read the Lai-Ying version of the report and send any comments by end of day Wednesday. Linda will work on it Thursday and get it to Jim by next week.

Call ended 4:00 pm.