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From: Elizabeth Cowell, Heads of Public Services (HOPS)

To: Annette Marines, UCSC, Chair

Re: Ad Hoc Online Library Instruction Group Charge

Beginning with the 2006 Information Literacy Common Interest group through the implementation of the Statewide Tutorial project in 2010, HOPS has a longstanding interest in library instruction. Now with technology and electronic resources ubiquitous, student enrollment growing, the librarian workforce in UC shrinking, university libraries are turning to user self service models and/or reducing public services. Out of this reality, UC instruction librarians have developed pedagogy and tools that proactively address the growing demand for skills development, integrated instruction, and experiential learning.

HOPS proposes that a group of instruction librarians from each campus convene virtually to discuss trends in online library instruction and potential next steps for system-wide collaboration. The creation and use of 'learning objects', small generic modules librarians or faculty can integrate into their courses via websites, lib guides and learning management systems, should be investigated. In particular, this group should look at:

- How can these campus created resources be shared or made discoverable across the system? Could social media be leveraged to assist in this effort?
- How are other instruction librarians using technology to support their efforts? Is there a standard set of tools or best practices?
- What have been effective strategies for integrating library tools into curriculum/syllabus/assignments?

Expected deliverable: A recommendation for how the UC Libraries could most effectively leverage our shared instructional content and expertise. 
*Tentative deadline:* August 1, 2012

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