Library Technology Advisory Group (LTAG)

LTAG Meeting
September 23, 2002 (revised 8oct02)
Oakland, CA

Present: Donald Barclay (UCM), Diane Bisom (UCI), Larry Carver (UCSB), Luc Declerck (UCSD), Mary Heath (CDL), Lee Jaffe (UCSC, for Bob White), Ralph Moon (UCB), Colby Riggs (LAUC), Terry Ryan (UCLA), Heidi Schmidt (UCSF), Dale Snapp (UCD), Terry Toy (UCR, Chair and Recorder)

LTAG Chair:

Terry Toy will serve as chair of LTAG for the next two-year term.

UC DLF Debriefing:
Colby Riggs reported that an online report summarizing the UC DL Forum was available at: http://sun3.lib.uci.edu/~cmriggs/Digital/. Colby proposed that LTAG serve as the ongoing group to guide the DLF. If LTAG agrees to this idea, a recommendation will be forwarded to SOPAG.

Library Technology Survey:
Diane Bisom and Terry Ryan were charged with developing a method to inventory or document the different technologies used by the UC Campuses. Diane presented her new SQL database. Different categories will record hardware/software, operating systems, etc. used at the different UC Libraries.

ACTION: LTAG committee members will test the following categories of the database by October 7, 2002: Contact, ILS, Web Services, Technical.

All comments should be forwarded to Diane Bisom/Terry Ryan. The deadline for comments is October 7, 2002. Comments should include suggestions for additional categories, additional review questions, etc. Logins for each campus were discussed at the meeting. For further information about individual Library logins, contact Diane Bisom.

Record Retention—SOPAG assignment
Terry Ryan suggested a starting point for determining Library Systems Standards or Guidelines for retention of library [patron] records could begin with the Privacy Audit Checklist which was an attached document to the SOPAG Privacy Task Force Report: http://www.cdlib.org/libstaff/privacytf

ACTION: LTAG committee members will review the document by October 7, 2002. All comments will be forwarded to Ralph Moon who will edit the document and forward it to the LTAG Chair. The document will then be reviewed and forwarded to the Privacy Liaisons AllCampus Group before any recommendations are sent to SOPAG.

UCOP Directory Update
David Walker reported on the Enterprise Directory Project that was created to coordinate the establishment of enterprise directories on each UC campus and UCOP. For further information about this project link to: http://www.ucop.edu/irc/edp/welcome.html
Shibboleth Update
As part of the Internet2 pilot project, CDL will be running a Shibboleth server, however this is for experimentation only and is not considered an ‘official’ server.

CDL Update
Mary Heath reported on the CDL proposal to SOPAG regarding a collaborative effort for SFX licenses. CDL would install multiple instances of SFX on their SFX server. Nine of the campuses are interested in this model, with one campus (Davis) preferring to run their own SFX server. The procedures and/or specifications for loading records into SFX will be forthcoming. Mary warned that rewriting proxies do not work with SFX (EZ Proxy was used as an example).

Concerns were raised about the z39.50 connections opened by Aleph to campus ILS’ for circ status displays. It was reported that more z39.50 connections will be ‘opened’ because Aleph does not reuse connections the same way as the current Melvyl. This might become a licensing issue for the local library systems who have limits on the number of z39.50 ports available.

It was also mentioned that the most current browser versions are required to correctly display non-Roman character sets in Aleph, and CSA’s newest version of software prefers a current browser. Most campus libraries reported switching to IE as their ‘default’ browser. IE 6.0 or above is the recommended browser to use to avoid display problems. Netscape 7.0 is not fully tested, but appears to have no display problems.

The intention to provide disk space to house documents for VDX desktop delivery is still a goal. UC Libraries are still using their own servers to store scanned documents. Colby Riggs mentioned there might be a problem with Ariel naming conventions, and CDL should investigate before libraries begin to store articles on the CDL server.

It was confirmed that telnet Request still requires transmission of a separate patron file to the old CDL server. The patron file would contain the list of the patrons eligible to use telnet Request.

Campus reports
Each campus reported on events at their libraries.
Some highlights include:
UCSD Information Technology Department is reorganizing and will follow the ITIL Management model.
UCB has equipped some facilities with PCs that require a UCB login to access non-library internet resources.
UCI brought up the issue of maintenance for the Minolta 7000’s.
UCM will be celebrating their groundbreaking on October 25, 2002.
UCR’s new UL will begin work on November 4, 2002.
UCLA will be going through an RFP process for a new system, they hope the new system will be up and running by 2004/2005.
UCD has a new Head of Systems and continues with their Ex Libris implementation.
UCSF announced the opening of a satellite library at their Mission Bay campus (scheduled to open January 6, 2003)
UCSB Library digital services have implemented a three level backup and recovery architecture. Diagrams are available upon request.

**Access Integration—Report by John Ober**

John Ober reported on some of the current CDL projects including:

- $150,000 Mellon grant to cover a yearlong survey of technologies available for harvesting, basic discovery tools, etc.
- Discussions with Luna for co-development of their Insight product
- Digital preservation repository desired by ULs
- SFX collaborative purchase: SOPAG has agreed to the proposed model
- Loading non-UC records into Aleph (serial records questionable)
- CDL-T director position available
- Description for the Manager of Architecture and Infrastructure position will be written soon
- STAS temporarily on hiatus, but will resume regular meetings soon
- Pilot Shibboleth implementation starting this Fall, CDL expressing interest on behalf of the UC System. Origin site software will be installed on a server at CDL
- Possibility of LTAG volunteering to be the program committee for DLF
- SOPAG Access Integration Model—each campus should discuss the model and give feedback to SOPAG in time for their November meeting. A copy of the report can be found at: http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sopag/AIM-AccessIntegrationModelv9.PDF

Next scheduled meeting will be sometime in Spring 2003.

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