Preservation Advisory Group
2006/2007 Goals and Objectives
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Preservation is defined as collection asset management, the body of policies, plans, practices and procedures that ensure access to University library collections for as long as needed. It encompasses print, non-print, and digital collections and is concerned with issues of longevity, usability, durability and persistence. Preservation applies to a range of operations, including binding, conservation treatment, reformatting (conversion of information from one format to another), disaster planning and response, environmental control, security, care and handling of materials, causes of and solutions for deterioration of collections, and life cycle management for digital collections.

1. Develop recommendations for plans, policies and procedures that support the preservation of and long term access to UC Library collections and assets in all formats in campus libraries, the Regional Library Facilities, and the Digital Preservation Repository.

PAG will advise CDC and CDL (Directors of Collections, Shared Print and the Digital Preservation Program) on the development of policies, operations and procedures for print, audio-visual and digital collections and on the development and implications of UC digitization projects.

PAG will evaluate the preservation and access implications of de-duplication of the UC Regional Library Facilities.

PAG will participate in the national discussion of digital preservation issues and provide input into development of goals and best practices for UC collections.

2. Develop preservation services with the broadest possible cost-savings for UC libraries.

PAG will advise and assist with implementation of the UC Bindery Working Group Proposal.

PAG will continue to support the development of conservation education and training opportunities for UC staff engaged in conservation treatment.

3. Serve as a focus for information dissemination on preservation issues for the University of California and the State of California.

PAG will identify needs, trends and directions for future UC preservation services.

PAG will help to facilitate the completion of the CPP audio-visual collection survey.

4. Serve as a liaison group to other state agencies and library or preservation consortia in order to develop cooperative and cost-effective approaches to preservation.
PAG will liaise with the California Preservation Program, the California Library Association, and the Society of California Archivists to improve preservation of and access to collections.

5. Serve as an education and discussion group for PAG members on preservation issues for the University of California and the State of California.