Systemwide Operations and Planning Advisory Group (SOPAG)

University Librarians and SOPAG
Los Angeles Airport – Radisson Hotel
May 10, 2002

ULs attending:  Jorgensen (R), Schottlaender (SD), Sharrow (D), Leonard (B), Munoff (I), Werner (LA), French (CDL), Pritchard (SB), Dyson, (SC), Butter (SF) recorder.

SOPAG members:  Bunting (LA), Tanno (R), Hurley (B), Ober (CDL), Yokote (D), Kochi (SF), Mirsky (SD), Lessick (I), McGirr (SC), M. Moody (SB), Dearie (LAUC)

1. CDL ITEMS:

1a. Mevlyl/A&I Transition (update):  CDL has completed the purchasing of hardware and hiring of additional temporary staff.  Berkeley has assisted the project substantially by writing converters.  A 630,000 record prototype database is undergoing testing for usability.  The next milestone is the database load for performance testing.  The A&I transition is on schedule and will be functioning with all our requirements in July.

1b. CBS/DTD:  Desktop Delivery should be operational on all campuses by fall.  The work is slow between RLG and VDX to modify the ARIEL software.  RLG also reports that it is working with Minolta to resolve the problems with the scanners.  CDL will request an implementation date from RLG and higher level contact name at Minolta.  French will check the license to see if Crystal Reports (purchased for the CBS) can be used for other functions

1c. OAC/Government Information:  California Cultures is making progress.  CDL will replace Dynaweb in July ’02 with the old and new systems running in parallel for awhile.  Trisha Cruise will schedule campus visits to discuss Counting California – a union catalog of data sets.  Cruise can discuss the technical infrastructure and building blocks (ie. XML, metadata schemes).  SOPAG will be asked to arrange meetings with appropriate people.  CDL is also working on persistent access to state documents.

2. SOPAG ITEMS:

2a. Visual Resources (update): SOPAG recommends starting with UC-owned and managed visual resource  In addition to the project team there will be consultation with non-represented campuses.  The project team will be asked to consult with appropriate technical experts within the University.  SOPAG was asked to clearly articulate the timeframe for this work.  CDL is in the third year of the IMLS grant for the Museums Online Archive of California.  The objective is to test the EAD for museum objects with eight museums participating.

2b: Access Integration:  Hurley presented the Access Integration Reference Model, a discussion document that outlines a framework for integration.  This document grew out of discussions Hurley had with other ARL Systems Librarians and with SOPAG.  Three types of portals are proposed: global access, subject, and format.  The reference model is intended to help with discovery, identify problems, and give direction.  It is possible to do some modeling
using projects like the Scholar’s Portal that is working on one aspect of the problem. The
objective is to use the model to limit divergence in order to move toward a “Google-like”
interface to UC owned and managed digital objects. Hurley noted that other resource libraries
are working on similar questions and there is agreement on the common problems. Discussions
about grant possibilities and talks with selected faculty followed. SOPAG will develop a
detailed implementation plan that would lead to further discussions within UC. Hurley and
SOPAG were congratulated for their work.

2c. Digital Reference: SOPAG addressed the issue of collaboration for digital reference.
Following discussion of a report in January SOPAG asked HOPS to form a special interest
group. The group will report on staffing issues, data collection, assist those providing digital
reference services, and stimulate collaborative projects. HOPS is now writing the group’s
charge.

2d. Privacy Task Force: A report was produced followed by the development of a website.
SOPAG has reviewed and implemented the recommendations in the Task Force report. SOPAG
will update the report with reference to the Patriot’s Act, introduced after the report was
completed, including date and a review of the use of the word ‘policy’. ULs endorsed SOPAG
moving forward to implement report recommendations including the formation of an all campus
group of library privacy liaisons that would also take over management of the web site and
follow the Patriot’s Act.

Working with the Records Management Group was also suggested. French noted that ICOLC
just passed new privacy policies that CDL will add to their licenses.

2e. All Campus Groups: All groups met together in February and there has been a
revitalization of some groups. While the groups have not been streamlined, they have been
successful in addressing issues. ULs encouraged all campus groups to use various ways to
communicate, not limited to face-to-face meetings. All campus groups are asked to develop
their own agendas and make commitments for the organization. Their goals/objectives are
submitted annually and All Campus Groups are encouraged to work together to move tasks
forward in a timely manner. The SOPAG website lists the groups and their membership.

2f. Planning Workshops: Two workshops are in planning stages: circulation advisory group
and a UC digital library forum. Additionally, there are plans to repeat the workshop on Best
Practices for Instruction & Reference (CDL co-sponsored with HOPS).

3. ITEMS FROM MAY 9th UL Meeting:
The LAUC resolution was discussed. The ULs will talk with LAUC chair Murphy about the
resolution during her visit in June. ULs summarized the CPMG discussion on redundancy and
the 3 scenarios: 1. print journals without digital analog; 2. federated collection of state and
federal documents 3. inter-RLF redundancy. ULs requested SOPAG to assemble a task force
to begin work on the government documents proposal.

Go to SOPAG home page