

SOPAG Minutes
Joint SOPAG/ACG Chairs meeting
October 14, 2005
Oakland, CA

SOPAG Attendees: Patricia Cruse (CDL), Patrick Dawson (LAUC), Julia Kochi (SF, recorder), Kate McGirr (SC), Bruce Miller (M), Marilyn Moody (SB), Terry Ryan (LA), Susan Starr (SD, also SCO co-chair), Lorelei Tanji, John Tanno (D; substitute chair), Stefanie Wittenbach (R).

ACG Chairs: Donald Barclay (HOPS), Jim Dooley (HOTS), Amy Kautzman (LPL), Gail Nichols (RSC), Stephen Schwartz (LTAG), Lucia Snowhill (CDC).

Absent: Bernie Hurley (B)

1. All Campus Groups--Update

This standing item was superseded by the morning reports from the ACG Chairs.

1.1 CDC

Lucia Snowhill reported on last year's work: CDC provided ongoing advise to CDL and the ULs on strategies for licensing and changing the models of scholarly communication. Worked with Director of Shared Print to look at cost models, criteria for starting projects, criteria for when to start/stop shared print, and the JSTOR project. Drafted a charge to GILS concerning UC's next steps vis-à-vis the change in distribution of government info to mostly online.

Next year: CDC will continue to concentrate on participating in the development of licensing strategies and working with the Director of Shared Print on implementing projects. Blackwell and Elsevier title adjustment coming up. Investigating using YBP's GobiTween for systemwide collection development.

Cruse requested that CDC work more formally with her to discuss digital preservation issues, especially those surrounding online journals.

ACTION: Make Cruse *ex officio* member of CDC (Hurley) and add to listserv (Cruse).

1.2 HOPS

Donald Barclay reported that last year HOPS advised CDL on the usability of Melvyl, UC-eLinks, and Request. They're also investigating how to encourage the better incorporation of bibliographic software into purchased products.

Information Literacy CIG: Last year they developed a proposal for an IL workshop and are currently working out logistical details. A detailed announcement will be coming out soon.

Digital Reference CIG: They completed the pilot of a consortial online reference service. They are going to investigate what it would take to make it a production service (who would host, who wants to participate, cost of Tier 2 software license, etc.). A proposal to SOPAG will be forthcoming.

ACTION: Barclay will provide SOPAG with analysis of the type of questions that were asked during the digital reference pilot.

Image Service Rollout AC: HOPS has been discussing the exact role and term of the group. SOPAG confirmed that it is a “task group” and not an ongoing group or CIG.

ACTION: Barclay will share comments/feedback, etc. from joint RSC/HOPS meeting with the Bibliographic Services TF.

1.3 HOTS

Jim Dooley reported that HOTS has spent a significant amount of time doing visioning exercises in rethinking Melvyl. They queried other consortia using Aleph to see how they configured their system and organized their workflow. They also provided detailed input to the ERMS TF on data elements.

Next year HOTS will respond to BSTF questions and recommendations, and they anticipate HOTS and ACIG will have significant role in implementing the ERMS.

Dooley reported that he felt the organization of HOTS and its subgroups worked well because HOTS members are also members of SCP SC and ACIG.

HOTS recommended a small change to the SCP Advisory Committee charge. Currently it states that members will serve staggered 2 year terms. HOTS suggested to SOPAG dropping the staggered 2 year terms from the charge.

ACTION: SOPAG approved the change to the SCP AC charge.

ACTION: Dooley will remove that phrase from the SCP AC charge.

The need for the ACGs to communicate amongst themselves was discussed. It was recommended that the ACG chairs be copied on any charge sent to an ACG. If another ACG chair feels they have information to provide, they should contact the other chair.

ACTION: Hurley will copy the ACG chair listserv when he sends out charges to the ACGs.

The issue of eDissertations was brought up. It seems that many of the groups are talking about it, but no one group is the right one to address the issue.

ACTION: Hurley will add eDissertations as an item to the Nov. SOPAG agenda.

ACTION: Cruse will pull together information she has and share it with SOPAG.

ACTION: SOPAG members will get updates from their campuses on what’s being done on their campuses.

1.4 LPL

Amy Kautzman announced that Eric Scott (Merced) will be the new chair beginning Oct. 17th.

LPL had a long discussion about its continued role and charge. There are continued privacy issues surrounding issues such as digital reference, access to

sensitive health information, circulation records, etc. Privacy issues become more relevant when they are tied to real projects, so their main goal would be to liaise with other ACGs and the projects they're working on.

ACTION: SOPAG agreed that LPL should continue as an ACG.

1.5 LTAG

Stephen Schwartz reported that LTAG has been investigating web conferencing. LTAG has used Oracle's web conferencing tool and found that it has made phone conferences more productive. LTAG recommended that this service be made available to the ACGs and CIGs and recommended the service be outsourced.

To lessen the cost, several campuses volunteered to host a user: Merced would host a user for HOPS, HOTS, and LPL; UCLA would host a user for LTAG; UCSB would host a user for SOPAG and CDC. **(NOTE: RSC still lacks a host.)**

ACTION: SOPAG accepted LTAG's recommendation.

ACTION: Moody will talk to Sarah Pritchard (ULs Convener) and investigate funding the service for 4 hosts.

ACTION: Cruse will investigate systemwide funding prospects.

Next year LTAG plans to work on projecting technology trends/changes for the next 5-10 years. The focus will be on identifying the key drivers and the technical infrastructure that will be needed to support the changes. Tanno encouraged them to talk with other ACGs and BSTF. Kochi suggested including what type of staff skills will be necessary to meet these trends/changes.

1.6 RSC

Gail Nichols reported RSC has been very active, and its subgroups, IAG and CAG, are very good about raising issues. RSC submitted Special Collections ILL and Media Sharing reports this year. They also held an ISO ILL workshop. The VDX rollout is continuing. Current project status is available at <http://www.cdlib.org/inside/projects/request/vdx/currentVDXstatus.html>. The unexpected OCLC ISO ILL implementation problem was an enormous challenge.

Nichols reported that book borrowing continues to increase sharply; article borrowing is slightly decreasing.

RSC received a request from an Australian institution to extend peer-to-peer ISO ILL. RSC feels they need a billing system before peer-to-peer ISO ILL can be extended beyond UC.

1.6.1 ILL Reserve Issue

RSC has done a survey to see how often Reserve items have been requested via ILL. SOPAG stressed that we need to rethink the whole issue of denying ILL for Reserves material. Why should an ILL request be denied just because the item is on reserve at the requester's campus.?

ACTION: Nichols will continue RSC discussions.

1.6.2 Copyright Clearance Center

CCC is offering a volume purchasers discount that allows consortia to pay \$1 a transaction instead of \$3 a transaction. Some campuses already qualify on their own. RSC is developing a recommendation that UC create a UC consortia so all libraries are eligible for the discounted price. Moody mentioned that another way to get this discount is to join Amigos. A recommendation to SOPAG will be forthcoming.

1.6.3 Barriers to sharing media collections

The document Tanno compiled was discussed.

ACTION: Wittenbach will resend Riverside response.

ACTION: Tanno will draft a background document on what we're trying to accomplish.

ACTION: Hurley should keep this item on the agenda.

1.7 SCO

Susan Starr reported that the SCOs were charged in September. Their goals this year are very specific. SCO has begun work on a faculty outreach program that coordinates with the Academic Senate Special Committee on Scholarly Communication's white papers. They are discussing what do to with the SCO public website.

SCO suggested changes to its charge.

ACTION: SOPAG accepts SCOs' suggested changes to their charge.

2. Task Force Reports

2.1 Bibliographic Services Task Force

BSTF is working very hard. They are at the end of generating alternative solutions and engaged in doing an analysis of solutions. They are focusing on those solutions that have a medium to high impact.

BSTF is on track to deliver the report to SOPAG by mid-November. Ryan suggested that the interim report be posted on the SOPAG website before the official call for comments (i.e., before January), so people can begin to read it.

2.2 SOPAG RLF Persistent Procedures TF

The ULs accepted the Phase 1 report. They suggested increasing the period to identify non-persistent item from 6 to 9 months. In addition, they needed an articulation of phrase "equal rights of access."

ACTION: Hurley will forward the ULs' comments to the Task Force.

ACTION: Ryan will talk to C. Bellanti about continuing to chair the committee long enough to reply to the ULs' comments and finish the report.

3. Report on CDL Related Items

CDL is collecting websites about Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. They are crawling about 760 websites and have been doing so for around 40 days. The Stanford Computer Science Department and the San Diego Supercomputer Center are assisting with collecting and storing the content. They're working with LC to identify

which sites to collect.

UC Libraries Digital Preservation Repository: The DPR is in production mode (July 14, 2005). The DPR currently does not have restrictions on what content can be submitted, but content should support teaching, learning, and research at UC. It is up to campuses to decide what content should go into the DPR. Campuses must have the right to authorize the deposit of the digital objects (which includes the right to copy) for preservation purposes. Tanno asked if we should develop a collection development policy. Cruse thinks that DPR staff cannot develop a policy independently, but would like to start thinking about it with the help of CDC. DPR is a controlled access repository in that only the depositing campus can access the content. Initially UCSD, UCSF, UCB, and UCLA will be inputting data. The next steps are to do outreach and education at other campuses. Starr recommends developing a cost model sooner rather than later because it's hard to plan future projects without knowing what costs may be associated with using the DPR.

3.1. MELVYL-Update

Planning for the implementation of Aleph version 16 has begun. The goal is that it will be available December 2006.

3.2 ERMS

CDL has begun to think about ERMS implementation.

ACTION: Hurley will add planning for the ERMS implementation to the agenda.

4. Shared Collections & Services--Updates

4.1. Investigation of a High Volume Digitization Infrastructure

B. Ogden's digitization project is moving forward. We have sent out and received items.

4.1.2 Policies and procedures for digitally reformatting printed monograph and serial holdings

Discussion deferred.

ACTION: Hurley will add to November agenda.

ACTION: Snowhill will alert CDC that the issue of developing selection criteria for large-scale digitization is coming up.

5. UC Libraries Website/SOPAG Web Design / Master Task List

Kochi has spoken to CDL and has been set up to begin work.

6. Setting next year's meetings

Next year's meetings need to be scheduled.

ACTION: Hurley will add this to the November agenda.