CoUL Meeting Summary: Q1 & Q2, 2016-2017

CoUL deliberated and made progress on several systemwide projects, including Shared Space Needs for Physical Collections, the Shared Services Model, the Libraries Alignment Framework and advocacy for Open Access. CoUL also discussed licensed content budget considerations, the DOC/SCLG/SPST relationship, and began preparing background documents, including whitepapers on the UC Libraries Vision and Collections at UC, for its annual meeting with President Napolitano.

Major Actions & Decisions:

- CoUL concluded that the UC Libraries Digital Collection (UCDLC) project and the Future Role of UC Librarians project (both 15/16 Systemwide Plans & Priorities) were complete.
- Moving forward, SLFB is responsible for shared space needs and reviewing the RLF allocations criteria. CoUL will charge a group to:
  - propose new allocations for the RLFs to serve the system for the next 2-3 years;
  - propose a process for transitioning to a scheme where deposits are primarily made at the NRLF;
  - develop principles for allocations where deposits are only made to NRLF;
  - ask for input from SCLG on all the above; and
  - complete planning by April 2017. This will be finalized by July 2017.
- CoUL pre-authorizes a budget to advance work on a shared RLF ILS, pending a detailed project plan and decision about how to apportion costs across the system. A possible formula for project cost allocation to campuses would include three factors: RLF volume-equivalent deposits; RLF checkouts; and an equal share.
- In regards to participation in the HathiTrust shared print monograph program, the SLFB will respond on behalf of the RLFs. Each UC campus will respond for itself.
- Li, Waibel, Schottlaender and Barclay will form a subgroup to work on the CoUL alignment. They’ll survey CoUL members for input and on the process/mechanics of CoUL decision making.
- DOC and SCLG will clarify the SPST charge. For the time being, SPST will report to DOC, and CoUL will refer shared print matters to DOC.
- CoUL will charge DOC with developing case studies for shared services across UC Libraries (involving all or some campuses). DOC will consider different types of services and staff, and will report back to CoUL.
  - CoUL will coordinate this work with ASAG’s parallel effort to determine how to share positions across campuses.

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Further progress was made on Systemwide Priorities and several new projects during the second half of 2016/17. CoUL discussed OA policy implementation and both the current and potential uses for Symplectic Elements, and collaborated with the OSC on the Statement on Commitment to Free and Open Information, Scholarship, and Knowledge Exchange. CoUL also met with President Napolitano to discuss the Future of the UC Libraries, Reinvigorating the UC Library Collections, and NRLF4.

DOC members joined CoUL twice, first to discuss their Decision Making Rubric for UC Libraries Projects and recommendations for the DAMS Technology report, and then to propose a Shared Fedora Development Working Group and their recommendations for the Future of Resource Sharing report. CoUL was also joined by SCLG members to review a new cost model for licensed content, and by the RLF directors to discuss the RLF shared ILS report and recommendations.

Major Actions & Decisions:

- Barclay will develop an analysis of Symplectic Elements and alternatives.
- CoUL supports the $32.5M NRLF4 expansion project.
- CoUL will discuss the different models and options for CoUL working together, with a particular focus on CoUL communications.
- CoUL agrees to adopt an FTE cost model for systemwide (tier 1) licenses, with a staged, three-year implementation (to be implemented as new contracts are signed). Usage data and weighted user types will be explored for improvement and incorporation into the model. CoUL notes that the total spend for systemwide resources will likely need to be reduced in the transition to this model.
  - CoUL asks JSC and SCLG to explore refining the cost model to take into account the nuances around usage data and user types.
- CoUL will work with SCLG to charge a new task force to develop the UC Libraries offsetting agreement strategy. The new group would include a subset of SCLG and SCOs from interested campuses, and potentially others.
- Financial support aside, CoUL agrees that there is value in the continued use of Symplectic Elements to both support OA policy implementation and explore other applications for non-OA initiatives (e.g. faculty profiles).
- CoUL supports DOC’s proposal for a Shared Fedora Development Working Group.
- CoUL endorses investigating a systemwide ILS. CoUL notes that the UC Libraries need to better understand the differences between a common vs. a shared ILS, and that an investigation needs to include an ROI analysis, a communications plan (one that includes narratives around the benefits and opportunities), and the development of a sustainable migration timeline. A small group should first investigate and plan the processes for such an investigation. CoUL commits to a 3-5 year timeline for investigating, deciding on and beginning implementation of a shared ILS solution.