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Subject: [SAG3-L] SAG 3: Collections to UC Shelf Ready Task Force (NGTS Pilot 1)
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Re: Conclusion of UC Shelf Ready Task Force and Preliminary Report for the Next Gen Technical Services Pilot 1

SAG 3 has reviewed the *Preliminary Report for the Next Gen Technical Services Pilot 1* dated August 29, 2013 and your report on *Current Shelf Ready Programs in UC Libraries: Survey Results* dated November 2013. We appreciate the work your group has done to investigate the potential cost savings from a consortial shelf ready contract with YBP. Upon review of both reports, and based on the declining priority for managing print acquisitions systemwide and the modest projected the cost savings, we have decided not to pursue a systemwide shelf ready project at this time.

The August report indicates that due to the customized specifications from each campus, it would be very difficult to ask campuses to agree upon consistent specifications and services. Without that agreement, a consortial shelf-ready plan would not result in cost-savings. Based on your analysis, the easiest and most practical way to realize any savings is to negotiate a single consortial annual subscription fee with YPB.

We have concluded that the savings you estimate would be realized from negotiating a single consortial annual subscription fee with YPB would not merit the effort involved in planning, negotiating and managing the consortial subscription.

As written into the original project, the goals were:

- This project will serve as a pilot to investigate the potential cost savings from a consortial shelf ready contract with YBP. If sufficient cost-savings can be achieved, recommend implementation of the consortial shelf-ready plan
- If sufficient cost-savings cannot be achieved, investigate opportunities for consortial shelf-ready of other print collections such as Chinese or other foreign language resources.

Other opportunities for collaborative shelf ready work may arise from shared collection development agreements in Chinese or other foreign languages, and we will encourage collection

development librarians to consider these. We recommended to the Council of University Librarians (CoUL) that UC not pursue a stand-alone systemwide shelf ready program for domestic print books and CoUL has concurred with SAG 3.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your good work and efforts through the various stages of this project.

Thank you,

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