

**UC Libraries/HOPS
Conference Call
February 26, 2010**

Notes

Participants: Cowell (SC), DeDecker (SB), Frenkel (R), Friedman (SD), Hughes (I), Kautzman (D), Meltzer (CDL), Palmer (LAUC), Persily (SF), Watstein (LA)

1) Announcements and Information Sharing

- Friedman shared information about the recent racially-based incidents at UCSD.
- Hughes mentioned the arrest of protestors at UCI.
- Kautzman reported on the unrest occurring at UCB.

2) Shared single-system subject/course guide platform - Kautzman

Kautzman presented a proposal that the UC libraries develop a shared system-wide CMS/tool that would enable staff of any of the UC libraries to utilize a common data/knowledge set to construct subject and course guides. HOPS identified some important concerns to consider as we pursue a technology solution: best practices that already exist and the possibility of being able to be platform agnostic while still sharing content. A number of members liked the idea of exploring a shared platform across sample libraries or subjects for use in creating common guides or common elements to import into guides, but noted that this interim solution doesn't push the envelope nor will likely engender resource savings. The idea of developing a pilot was discussed and Barclay offered to be the project manager.

Action: HOPS will pursue a pilot among the 5 libraries currently using LibGuides. The scope of the pilot will be to develop and test a discipline page and a non-subject page (something along the lines of a "bibliographic services" guide).

3) Next HOPS Chair - Friedman

Frenkel was nominated to be the next HOPS Chair and willingly agreed to serve. Her term will start after the HOPS April conference call.

4) Next Gen Melvyl Pilot Update (standing item) - Meltzer/Kautzman

- Request is going live with OCLC as the backend on March 2. This is an important milestone. CDL will be sending out an announcement after the launch takes place and the system is stable.
- In our December minutes, HOPS said after reviews were finished and CAPA work has come to a close, we would look at a few strong public service librarians and appoint them to a Metasearch Task Group with the work to be finished by June 2010. At this meeting we decided not to do this because the functionality of metasearch is not a deciding factor on whether to go into production with WorldCat Local; we know that metasearch has not worked particularly well in the past. Meltzer also announced that UC is in contract negotiations with Hewlett-Packard to provide a print-on-demand service for the mass digitized books. In parallel with the contract negotiations, we are conducting a technical investigation.

5) RSC collaboration - Hughes

At the recent ULs meeting, it was noted by some that ILL requests have skyrocketed and backlogs are forming.

Action: Persily will query RSC to see how widespread the avalanche of ILL requests is and report back to HOPS for possible further action.

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