

Shared Cataloging Program Steering Committee Minutes, March 11, 2002

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1. Distribution of records directly from UCSD - status report:

UCSD systems staff reports that they would be able to distribute SCP records. They plan to do so on a regular, weekly basis. UCSD does not plan to "process" records for content (i.e. remove 690s & 793s), though they will eliminate duplicate records within a set. Therefore, each campus should review their output files and, if necessary, develop processes to edit their record sets for their local needs. The output standard will be straight USMARC, with records placed on a UCSD server for FTP pickup. UCSD will create separate campus files as CDL is currently doing.

UCSD staff is not certain what specific processing, if any, CDL is doing. They are confirming with and waiting for a list of processing steps from CDL. Depending on how CDL is actually processing the records, Steering Committee members agreed that it was okay if UCSD didn't "process" the records for "content." Adolfo will follow-up with CDL/UCSD Systems staff and will update the Steering Committee. Once the final process is clarified, the next step will be confirming this plan meets campus needs and expectations. Generally, Steering Committee members felt that the campuses were ready for this and encouraged implementation soon, but it was noted that there might be a need for a transitional period during which files would be available from both CDL and UCSD.

2. PURL server

There are currently two different projects are underway. The first is a CONSER/OCLC sponsored project wherein participating libraries assign PURLs to freely available resources. Participating libraries will add the PURL to master CONSER records and periodically verify the validity of those links they have added, updating CONSER records as necessary. The second is a UC PID project experiment with UCLA in which Valerie Bross has been contributing PIDs to the UC PID server for UCLA's locally licensed resources. The Steering Committee is interested in hearing a report of the experiments status and findings and Pat French will express official interest to the Chair of HOTS to encourage presentation of status report to them.

3. LION database

Becky Culbertson presented a proposal to catalog titles within the LION database as single records because the URLs are not structured to permit viewing of individual title pages. This triggered a discussion about maintenance issues when a "monographic" resources goes through content changes and may need to be represented with a different record for a different edition. UCSD is using software called MINDIT which tracks content changes on web sites and is committed to and will make changes to records when content such as editions changes in a monographic resource.

4. Update on Melvyl Transition merge algorithm

CDL is working with ExLibris to implement the current Melvyl merge algorithm as step one in the Melvyl Transition migration. Any changes to the current merge algorithm to

address the multiple record formats will come later. HOTS requested a progress report from the steering committee on this issue at their spring 2002 meeting. Pat French and Becky Culbertson stated that the time has not yet arrived for the Melvyl Transition Database and Technology Team to work on a revision to the merge algorithm, so Pat will report this to Nancy Douglas, Chair of HOTS.

5. Issues for future meetings

Making of America records
Academic Universe records
aggregator records in general

Pat French will send out a message to schedule the next meeting to take place after the next HOTS meeting on April 12.

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