Shared Cataloging Program Advisory Committee Minutes, March 1, 2004

8:30-10:00 am
Conference call meeting

Present: Becky Culbertson (UCSD), Jim Dooley (UCM), Pat French (UCD), Vicki Grahame (UCI), Lai-Ying Hsiung (UCSC), Elaine McCracken (UCSB), Carole McEwan (UCB), John Riemer (UCLA, chair), Adolfo Tarango (UCSD, recorder)

1. Housekeeping items

    Item 5.5 added to the agenda.

    Unfinished business from last meeting:

    o   Adolfo reported that due to Ryan and Karen's working on SCP record distribution problems, Eva Sorrel (UCI) was not contacted to discuss the "cleaner" program she is using to sort and clean-up SCP records. Lai-Ying asked about feasibility of breaking down the SCP file into more specific categories to which Becky responded that other campuses had asked about this but were interested in different categories. Vicki commented that the "cleaner" program is used at Irvine to sort the SCP files into various categories and the program should be adaptable for use by the other campuses.

        Action: Adolfo will follow-up with Ryan and Karen and contact Eva as soon as possible and prepare a summary of what the "cleaner" program can do, whether it can be used by SCP to clean up records before they are distributed, and how the program might be used by individual campuses for sorting the SCP files into various locally defined categories.

    o   John asked if Becky was distributing SCP AC minutes to SCP-L.

        Action: John will distribute minutes to SCP-L as well as HOTS and Lori Foster.

2. Report on SCP-related highlights of HOTS conference call of Feb. 19 (Pat and John)

    Two related items were discussed at HOTS: single record policy for serials and classification of electronic monographs. HOTS discussed and decided not to pursue reconsideration of the policy to use the single record approach for serials. In addition to accepting past arguments in favor of the single record approach, HOTS also considered the cost and workload that would be generated by moving to the separate record approach as well as the continuing shortcomings of the Melvyl merging algorithm. On the classification issue, HOTS will be submitting a recommendation to SOPAG in favor of the classification of electronic monographs (classification only, no cuttering). In anticipation of a request from SOPAG, SCP staff will be asked to do a more detailed cost analysis.

    Action: SCP staff will work with Luc Declerck (UCSD HOTS representative) to provide HOTS and SOPAG with cost analysis.

3. General SCP update from Becky & Adolfo

We believe problems with the SCP files have been fixed. The LION vendor records are being cleaned up and we are inputting classification numbers, uniform titles, and subjects and anticipate distribution of first 5000 in mid-March, the remaining records will be distributed as they are finished. About 160 Columbia International Affairs Online and additional Safari monographs will be distributed soon. For ScienceDirect, first we will be adding new titles from purchase of their backfiles, then coverage data will be updated, and finally, "unsubscribed" titles will be added. Links to the title level can now be made for Ethnic Newswatch and Gender Watch so these records will be redistributed with new PIDs.

Progress on PID server upgrades has stalled and Adolfo asked if the Advisory Committee thought it appropriate to move forward with expanding use of the PID server to other campuses that are interested in doing this. It is unlikely that the coming upgrades will radically alter procedures.

Action: Campuses that are interested in using the PID server for local resources should contact Adolfo.

4. Discussion of "Selecting and Integrating Open Access Resources for the UC Libraries Shared Collections: Policies & Procedures" (Adolfo)

Adolfo and Becky recently had a conference call with Steve Toub, Wendy Parfrey, and Bev French, in which the discussed Open Access journals distributed through SCP. The document states that, to the extent possible, SCP catalogers will assign BibPURLs to the titles. Each cataloging record will contain:

- o 793 Open access resource freely available; selected by the UC Libraries
- o The records would also contain an additional 793 for any applicable "package" title.

Action: Adolfo will submit comments to Steve Toub (CDL).

5. Question about practice of using "Full-text" in 856 $z in SCP records (Vicki)

Becky answered that this was old practice, mostly for ACM records, new records lack this statement and corrected records will be sent out as needed.

- o 5.5. Accuracy of the 856 $3.

  UCLA public services staff have noticed coverage errors. Becky noted that if these are ScienceDirect titles, we are aware of these. We are currently adding coverage for the backfiles and the current coverage info will be corrected once we are done with the backfiles. Other errors should be sent to SCP catalogers to investigate. Adolfo noted that data from SFX or publisher's lists is not always accurate, so don't use them for comparison. In response to a question about the $3 reflecting coverage for the title described in the record, Becky explained that the $3 carries coverage information about all the content found at a single website. So if at one site, volumes for previous and/or later titles are available, the $3 would include those volumes as well. There would also be included in the 530 field a statement that the site contains volumes from previous and/or later titles.

  Action: Campus staff should forward coverage data errors to SCP.

6. Round robin on what match points we use for loading SCP serial records (Becky);

   All report using the OCLC number when available, often in conjunction with available ISSNs.

7. Anything to report from the group looking into SFX?

   The group hasn't discussed but Adolfo reported that in his discussion with Dave Fisher, the SFX coordinator at UCSD, he was told it unlikely that SFX could be a successful substitute for the PID server. This is in conflict with information from Margery Tibbetts at CDL. Adolfo is planning on getting some training on SFX; Pat and Elaine indicated they have had some training already. Adolfo has not heard anything more about the issue from CDL.

Next meeting: May 3, 2004
Recorder: Becky Culbertson