Shared Cataloging Program Advisory Committee

Minutes, November 3, 2003

Participating: Becky Culbertson, Pat French (chair), Lai-Ying Hsiung (recorder), Sara Layne, John Riemer, Adolfo Tarango

1. Announcements: SCP announced that there have been some organizational changes for the SCP. A management group consisted of A. Tarango, B. Culbertson & L. Barnhart was formed to meet regularly for communication and planning. A. Tarango would submit an annual report for SCP. B. Culbertson is heading an operations planning group to handle day-to-day processes and forward relevant issues to SCP AC for guidance when necessary.

2. Change in URL structure for Gale databases approved. P. French will forward our recommendation to HOTS for approval. B. Culbertson will get the package ready for P. French. We assume that public services groups will be consulted about this change.

3. Class numbers in SCP records: All agree that electronic journals and databases should have class numbers, and theoretically e-monographs should have them too. However, this decision has implications for SCP workload, functionality in Melvyl and local OPACs and potential local campus workload implications. P. French and J. Riemer are going to draft a brief outline of the issues to present at the Nov. 14 HOTS meeting.

4. PID server update: CDL has already resolved the performance issues of the PID server. Its next step is to convert the PID to the proper data format, hopefully by the end of December, in order for this PID server to be offered for local campus use. UCLA is already using the PID server for its own local resources. A. Tarango will include an update on the PID server in his SCP annual report. CDL's ongoing support for such a service for the campuses has to be clarified. P. French raised the importance of understanding the connection between SFX Knowledge Base and SCP record content. SCP should keep an eye on how to make the best use of the SFX Knowledge Base to reduce the duplication of SCP work in URL and coverage maintenance.

5. SCP AC membership changes: SCP AC feels that it is important to consider upcoming SCP projects and ILS representation in the appointment of new committee members. P. French is going to request the discussion of the most recent proposal at the Nov. 14 meeting before sending the new roster to SOPAG. Nomination criteria are still unclear. How to balance SCP AC appointments based on campus representation and/or expertise knowledge needs to be reviewed. The proposal to base representation on campus ILS raised some discussion since the number of campuses per ILS is not evenly distributed. May be Innovative libraries should have more than one appointment since there are now six campuses with Innovative's ILS.

6. Update on SCP cataloging of open access materials: JSC is responsible for making recommendations on which free package to catalog.