Minutes of HOTS 2/7/2006 Conference Call

Present:
Jim Dooley (UCM, Chair) Pat French (UCD), Tony Harvell (UCSD), Lai-Ying Hsiung (UCSC, recorder), Carole Kiehl (UCI), Lee Leighton (UCB), Sara Shatford Layne (UCLA), Patti Martin (CDL), John Riemer (SCP AC), Sharon Scott (UCR), John Tanno (SOPAG rep), Paul Wakeford (UCSF), Amy K. Weiss (UCSB), Linda Barnhart (UCSD)

Jim explained that this conference call was to develop a process to organize an official HOTS response to the BSTF report, based on the email sent out to All Campus Groups, LAUC and SOPAG by Bernie Hurley, entitled "Invitation for Comments on the Bibliographic Services Task Force Report". He wants feedback on six questions by March 31, 2006.

Jim asked the group on how to proceed. Some members remarked that the time frame was too short for wide consultation and some of the issues could be quite controversial. It was decided not to divide the report among members, but to follow the guidelines as laid down in Bernie's email.

The following are various comments made by the HOTS members:

HOTS should treat the report as a "think piece", not an "implementation" piece. It is very bold in some areas, but not bold enough in other areas. The report provides concepts on how we should really improve our bibliographic services.

The report is very "catalog-centric" and does not devote much attention to technical services areas like acquisitions and ERMS. It is not considering a wide range of bibliographic services.

Patrons do not think that they are in silos. If we treat them as if they are in one, we are missing the point. They do not care where to go as long as they can find the information they want.

HOTS should be supportive of the report and endorse it as much as possible to move forward. We hope some actions will come out of it. We should be open-minded, but also be able to say openly what we think.

Since the time frame is so short and there are so many groups who have been asked for input, it may not be necessary for HOTS members to consult all the necessary parties before we start the discussion. HOTS should just comment on the broad concepts for an indication of the direction, hoping that "predominant wisdom" will cluster across campuses. As a result, it was agreed that HOTS members will submit via email an initial response, from personal preference, on questions 3 and 4 (single Web OPAC and Re-architecturing cataloging workflow) before next Tuesday, February 14.   Jim will compile the results for the February 14 conference call. In the meantime, HOTS members can do the necessary consultations along the way.

HOTS also scheduled four more conference calls on consecutive Tuesdays (Feb. 21 and 28, Mar. 7 and 14) from 11-1 p.m. to discuss our response to the report. Same phone number and access code can be used for each.

SCP AC and ACIG should submit their responses through HOTS.

HOTS members are to share the writing responsibility and Jim will be the editor to ensure consistency in style. We want to have an official response ready in early March.