Joint University Librarians/SOPAG Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Location: UC Office of the President (Franklin Building, Oakland)

University Librarians: Brian Schottlaender (UCSD, UL's Convener); Karen Butter (UCD); Sharon Dedecker (UCSB); Laine Farley (CDL); Carol Hughes (UCI); Ruth Jackson (UCR); Tom Leonard (UCB); Bruce Miller (UCM); Ginny Steel (UCSC); Susan Parker (UCLA); Gail Yokote (UCD)

SOPAG: Lorelei Tanji (UCI, Chair); Donald Barclay (UCM); Diane Bisom (UCR); Elizabeth Cowell (UCSC); Luc Declerck (UCSD); Robert Heyer-Gray (LAUC); Bernie Hurley (UCB); Julia Kochi (UCSF); Felicia Poe (CDL); Lucia Snowhill (UCSB); Gail Yokote (UCD)

Guests: Joanne Miller (Systemwide Library Planning)

Absent: Gary Strong (UCLA)

Notetaker: Luc Declerck

Preface:

Lorelei Tanji reported on the previous day's SOPAG meeting and the observation that there is significant overlap between the reports under discussion today, the ACGs, and the Next Generation Task Forces and the need to avoid duplication of effort.

1. Task Force on UC Libraries Collections Space Planning Report

Lucia Snowhill summarized the key findings and recommendations of the UC Libraries Collection Space Planning Task Force. Following discussion, the ULs accepted the report, thanked Lucia Snowhill and the members of the task force for their excellent work, and identified a number of priorities for further action.

Action: The ULs recommended the further investigation of recommendations 2a - Establishing a no-duplication policy between the RLFs); 4a – Withdrawal of JSTOR titles from campuses; and 4e – Develop shared microform collections at RLFs that would allow de-duplication of campus microform collections (e.g., newspapers).

Action: SOPAG will discharge the Task Group, distribute the report to the ACGs, LAUC, and the Next-Gen Task Groups for comment and address the remaining recommendations, with particular emphasis on recommendation 3b - Shared print in place as an alternative to RLF housing of shared collections.

2.   Ad Hoc Digital Library Services Task Force Report

Diane Bisom summarized the key findings and recommendations of the Digital Library Services Task Force. Following discussion, the ULs accepted the report, thanked Diane Bisom and the members of the task force for their excellent work and charged SOPAG to identify next steps.

Action: Diane Bisom will clarify the definition of a "UC Digital Collection" in consultation with CDC, and revise the report prior to distribution.

Action: SOPAG will discharge the Task Group, distribute the report to the ACGs, LAUC, and the Next-Gen Task Groups for comment and identify next steps and the organizational infrastructure needed to sustain a UC-wide effort in this area.

3. NGTS and intersection with above two reports

Bruce Miller, in his capacity as Chair of the NGTS Executive Team, reported that the UL's had endorsed the recommendations put forward by the Executive Team and that the NGTS Executive Team are scheduled to have a face-to-face meeting with the NG Steering Team and the Chairs of the four NGTS Resource Teams to plan next steps. Bruce Miller further noted that the NGTS Executive Team had also charged HOTS to work on a Shelf Ready Service, which is related to the work of the Shared Print Steering Task Force, and to explore how to address the Non-roman backlog. A Link Type Subgroup has also been charged to investigate the current practice of using and managing URLs in MARC records and a joint NG Melvyl and NG Technical Services was created to develop guidelines and best practices for Local Holding Records, which will help with serials ILL.

The overlap between the objectives of the two reports under discussion today and the work of the ACGs and the Next Generation Task Forces was further acknowledged and discussed.

Action: Lorelei Tanji and Brian Schottlaender will consider steps to address overlap issue.

4. Strategic Planning and Prioritization of Initiatives (Joanne Miller)

The ULS and SOPAG reviewed the DRAFT UC Libraries Priorities, 2010-2013 and made recommendations for improvement. Brian Schottlaender recommended the creation of a small working group to facilitate this task and called for volunteers.

Action: Diane Bisom, Ruth Jackson, Joanne Miller, Brian Schottlaender, Lucia Snowhill, and Ginny Steele will form working group. Brian will convene group.

5. Project Management Task Force Update

Felicia Poe provided a status report on behalf of Joan Starr, Chair of the Task Group, and confirmed that the final report of the Task Force will be submitted in May 2010. Following discussion, it was observed that it may not be necessary for all "project managers" to be versed in a complete set of project management skills. This could simplify training and facilitate a more rapid implementation.

 Action: Felicia Poe will ask the Task Force to consider the above observation.

6. Shibboleth Task Force Update

Julia Kochi provided a status report on behalf of John Ober, Chair of the Task Group, and confirmed that consultation and feedback had been received from LTAG. The interim report is due in March. Questions were raised about the relationship of Shibboleth and Single-Sign-On (SSO). Further exploration of using local authentication with VDX in particular was raised as a need.

7. ULs Advisory Structure Issues

7a. SCO Request to retain LAUC representative and CDC Proposal

Julia Kochi and Lorelei Tanji presented CDC's rationale for the retention of LAUC's representative on SCO. The UL's agreed to retain the current LAUC SCO representative to August 2010.

7b. SOPAG Membership - Plan for Charges/Renewals in Membership starting July 2010

Lorelei Tanji reported that the terms of an unusually large number of SOPAG members (five) will expire in June 2010 and recommended that careful consideration be given to balancing experience and areas of expertise when revising the membership to ensure a good balance is reached.

Action: Brian Schottlaender will consult with Diane Bisom, the incoming SOPAG Chair, when revising the new SOPAG membership.

Other

The meeting adjourned with applause as the ULs and SOPAG congratulated Brian Schottlaender on the receipt of the Melvil Dewey Medal Award:
http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2010/february2010/dewey_gov.cfm