Systemwide Operations and Planning Group (SOPAG)

SOPAG Action Minutes – November 20, 2003
See also http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sopag/

Present: Tammy Dearie (LAUC/SD), Bernie Hurley (B), Julia Kochi (SF), Kate McGirr (SC), Phyllis Mirsky (SD), John Ober (CDL) (recorder), Terry Ryan (LA), Lorelei Tanji (I), John Tanno (Chair) (D), Stefanie Wittenbach (R),
Absent: Bruce Miller (M), Marilyn Moody (SB)

1. UC Shared Print Collection Pilot
Discussion of the intent of RSC's investigation into "advanced delivery mechanisms" to cover all formats not currently well-served through digital delivery.

ACTION: Tanno will convey that clarification to RSC.

It was also noted that SOPAG is waiting CDC discussion/recommendation regarding the UCLA Proposal to consider a General Science Shared Collection. No SOPAG action requested or required at this time.

2. Systemwide Library Planning
Discussion of the progress in putting SOPAG and all-campus group content on the UC Libraries website (at http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sopag/). Several ACGs have not migrated their material to the new site. Ober described a growing volume of reference to and traffic on the site, including an upcoming SLASIAC meeting.

ACTION: Moody to encourage ACGs to complete their migration.

Discussion of LPL's draft site representing the UC libraries' privacy activities to the public.

ACTION: Kochi (SOPAG liaison to LPL) will discuss with LPL chair Kautzman the content and purpose of the site and ask LPL to work with CDL to incorporate the page into the UC Libraries site.

3. Government Information Shared Collection pilot
Discussion of recommendations for membership on the Steering Committee. SOPAG agreed on a slate of 8 names.

ACTION: Tanno to share slate with the ULs for their endorsement. [n.b. ULs gave such endorsement; see SOPAG/UL notes for 11/21/03.]

 Discussion of proposed elements for a SOPAG sponsored workshop tentatively titled "The New Government Information Landscape: UC Opportunities for Shared Collections and Collaboration." There was consensus on the potential value of such a workshop for a cross-section of UC library staff and interested partners and for eminent speakers/contributors from the field.

ACTION: Tanno will seek ULs endorsement in principle. If endorsed SOPAG will identify and

charge a small working group to flesh out the proposal following SOPAG's workshop guidelines. [n.b. ULs gave such; see SOPAG/UL notes for 11/21/03.]

4. E-Dissertations, ProQuest, and Meeting with Graduate Deans

Hurley and Tanji shared their impressions from the November 4, 2003 meeting of graduate division representatives and ProQuest. Although some libraries are working closely with their respective graduate divisions it is unclear whether systemwide or collective library action is needed at this time.

ACTION: Tanji will share notes with SOPAG membership. [n.b. ULs requested further SOPAG exploration; see SOPAG/UL notes for 11/21/03.]

5. Report on CDL Related Items

Ober reported that UC-eLinks usage statistics are due to be available online in December; that there was a successful kick-off meeting for non-UC collaborators for the CDL's Hewlett-funded work on collections and services to be built around the theme of "The American West;" that the CDL submitted a proposal for consideration under the Library of Congress' National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP).

5.1 CBS/Request/Desktop Deliver
Ober reported that UCB and NRLF have begun use of the VDX software to fulfill loans (to patrons from campuses whose ILL units also use VDX). He reported the effectiveness of having Jenny Lee available for training and thanked UCLA for allowing CDL to fund some of her time for this purpose. Dearie reported that the RSC report on remaining concerns and campus perspectives on VDX is forthcoming and will be available for discussion at the 12/12/03 SOPAG meeting. Noting the Request teams' observation that Request sometimes reports the availability of online content in error, Dearie reported that RSC and IAG in consultation with HOPS will forward opinions on the advisability of removing the automatic blocking of requests for which there is believed to be online content.

ACTION: status and timeline to be discussed with ULs.
5.2 Melvyl
Ober drew attention to regular status reports about Melvyl developments, including the addition of California State Library records (and the presence of a CSL limit in the interface) and a change to the default number of records displaying in a search result. Regarding uniform titles Ober reported that Ex Libris does not plan to include the tiered browse functionality (aka "the Harvard solution") to the union catalog version of their Aleph software in their next release. CDL has initiated analysis and discussions with Ex Libris regarding other potential improvements to searching for music and works by voluminous authors.
5.3 CDL updates in the spring.
Brief discussion of the potential for update sessions to include progress reports on various systemwide library planning activities given that the CDL is often an "agent" for implementation of SLP plans.

ACTION: Ober will prepare a draft description of the updates for discussion at a future meeting.
5.4 Electronic resources management.
Discussion of the informal investigation on tools available and the potential collective need for e-resource management that CDC requested and CDL is leading.

ACTION: Status of the investigation will be shared before the 12/12/03 SOPAG meeting and SOPAG members will gather local input that could contribute to a charge for more formal exploration. Tanno will ask Jackie Wilson (CDL) and Cindy Shelton (CDC chair) to join the discussion on 12/12.

6. All Campus Groups—Update

6.1 CDC
Elsevier negotiations have occupied much of their attention; next meeting, a teleconference, on 12/03/03
6.2 HOPS
Action: Reports from the CIG for Digital Reference and the CIG on Information Literacy will be discussed, including possible next steps, during the December SOPAG meeting with ACG chairs.
6.3 LPL
See item 2 above re: LPL Website
6.4 RSC
Discussion of the status of Interlibrary Loans of Special Collections Materials. Dearie reported that ongoing concerns and challenges in the use of Request for special collections materials were being summarized by RSC and a follow up report forthcoming. Hurley shared a statement about UCB's inability to loan original special collection materials due to concerns identified by the pilot and the upcoming relocation of Bancroft during seismic work, although facsimiles (e.g., photocopies, microfilm) will be loaned when possible.
ACTION: Tanno will ask for clarification from ULs about collective commitment to loan special collections materials. [n.b. ULs confirmed their commitment and asked SOPAG to work on resolution of remaining impediments; see SOPAG/UL notes for 11/21]

7. Task Force on Visual Resources
A mid-October request for comments asked for a response by 12/19/03.

ACTION: Comments will be discussed at the January SOPAG meeting.
8. Planning for Joint Meeting with All Campus Groups, 12/12/03
ACTION: Tanno will ask all of the ACGs to send their goal statements to all other ACGs in advance of the meetings. The most current version of the draft Systemwide libraries strategic plan will be shared in advance as well.
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