

SOPAG/ULs Joint Meeting

Action Minutes – November 21, 2003

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Present: Butter (SF; convener ULs), Dearie (LAUC/SD), Greenstein (CDL), Hurley (B), Kochi (SF), Leonard (B), Mirsky (SD), Munoff (I), Ober (CDL; recorder), Schottlaender (SD), Strong (LA), Tanji (I), Tanno (D; Chair, SOPAG) (D), White (SC), Wittenbach (R)
Absent: Jackson (R), McGirr (SC), Moody (SB), Ryan (LA)

1. Report from ULs planning retreat

The definition of shared collections was endorsed with minor modifications from that used in the CMPG white paper. The ULs agreed that they are collectively responsible for the governance of shared collections. They further agreed to organize small committees to help create a framework of definitions covering material types and “utility services” as well as cost-benefit analyses to inform next steps for shared collections. This work complements and need not delay the shared collections activities already in progress.

Action: the ULs will draft and distribute a summary of the retreat and follow up activities.

2. Report from the ULs business meeting

Progress was made on the draft strategic planning document.

Action: Next draft will be shared with SLASIAC at their 12/1/03 meeting; that version may be shared with ACG’s to facilitate the SOPAG ACG chairs meeting 12/12/03.

The RLF task force has prepared a draft report for consideration by the RLF Task Force and others. **Action:** The report will be shared with the RLF Boards, SOPAG, and others at the appropriate time.

Re: e-dissertations. Following a report from the November meeting between graduate division representatives and ProQuest, there was discussion of potential campus and systemwide library roles and actions with regard to e-dissertations. Four campuses (B, SB (trial), SC, SF) reported that their grad divisions planned to submit dissertations electronically to ProQuest.

Action: SOPAG will mount an exploration into the pros and cons of collaboration on the deposit of electronic dissertations/theses into a preservation and/or access repository.

3. Sustaining Library Collections – Scholarly communication seminars; documenting sustainability issues; Elsevier negotiations

Greenstein reported that the SLP sponsored faculty forums on scholarly communication were well attended and received. Academic Senate chair Pitts is considering appointing a Senate task force to pursue various issues raised at the seminars. A summary will be made available to attendees and other interested parties, and the set of possible action items will be synthesized for use in a description of sustainability issues and strategies which can focus discussions within and external to the UC library community.

Greenstein reported on the status of Elsevier negotiations. Negotiations are still in process. Regardless of the outcome of this particular negotiation the ULs and libraries

are committed to strategic action that will result in more sustainable models for scholarly communication for UC.

Action: SLP and the ULs will continue to communicate broadly on the unresolved status of the Elsevier negotiation.

4. SOPAG business

4.1 Confirmation of May 6-7 for the next joint meeting.

4.2 ILL of special collections materials – ULs confirmed their commitment to loaning special collections whenever possible and asked SOPAG to continue to resolving remaining impediments.

Action: SOPAG will work with RSC to address impediments; ULs will confirm their commitment among their own staff.

4.3 Government Information pilot project steering committee membership was discussed and endorsed as presented by SOPAG.

Action: SOPAG will proceed with appointments.

4.4 Shared collections workshops. The ULs endorsed in principle the workshop on “The New Government Information Landscape: UC Opportunities for Shared Collections and Collaboration” as described by SOPAG.

Action: SOPAG will continue with workshop planning.

4.5 ACM/Elsevier shared collections pilot.

Action: SOPAG will forward the points made by the Preservation Advisory Group (PAG) for consideration by the pilot’s assessment team.

4.6 SCAP-funded database assessment. SOPAG reported that it had consulted with the appropriate all campus groups and joined those groups in endorsing the recommendations from the Joint Steering Committee on Shared Collections.

4.7 Implementation of VDX (aka the Consortial Borrowing System). The ULs are eager to hear the results of the RSC/SOPAG summary of remaining tasks for systemwide implementation of VDX.

Action: SOPAG will forward the summary, their analysis, and campus plans for adoption to ULS as soon as possible.

4.8. Melvyl and Uniform Titles. Ober summarized the follow up to SOPAG’s recommendation that CDL pursue improvements to uniform title searching in Melvyl. He 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.

4.9 Principles for bibliographic service development. SOPAG shared with the ULs its document “Recommendation on Prioritizing Bibliographic Services Developments and Enhancements.” The ULs endorsed the document and noted that it would inform their strategic planning process for shared “utility services” (see item 1). Greenstein noted that a similar set of definitions and principles would be needed with which to identify and invest in core shared services, as contrasted with enhancements or one-by-one extensions to existing services such as Melvyl.