

Library Technology Advisory Group
Telephone Conference Call Meeting Minutes
Friday – May 21, 2010

Call to order

Declan Fleming (Chair) called to order the meeting of the Library Technology Advisory Group at 2 p.m. on 5/21/10 by way of ReadyTalk telephone conference call.

Roll call

The following persons were present:

- UC San Diego - Declan Fleming (chair)
- UC Berkeley - Lynne Grigsby
- UC Davis – Dale Snapp
- UC Irvine – Adrian Petrisor
- UC Los Angeles – Andy Kohler
- UC Los Angeles – Todd Grappone – AUL, Digital Initiatives and Information Technology
- UC Merced – Emily Lin
- UC Riverside - Terry Toy
- UC San Francisco – Ann Dobson
- UC Santa Cruz – Eric Mitchell
- CDL – John Ober
- LAUC - Char Booth
- Todd Grappone– new UCLA
- UC Santa Barbara – Ana Fidler

The following person(s) were absent:

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- SOPAG – Diane Bisom

Open Issues

1. Meet Todd Grappone

UCLA – Todd is UCLA’s new Associate University Librarian for Digital Initiatives and Information Technology. LTAG briefly

welcomed Todd to the group. It is not yet determined whether Todd will take over and represent UCLA for the LTAG. Todd and Andy will meet soon after this conference call to determine if Todd will take over.

2. Finalizing the snapshot in time projects lists for SOPAG (wiki work for everyone)

UCSD – Declan would like to send the list to SOPAG but go through it first and normalize the terms.

CDL – Is it intended that we keep separate lists? The lists were constructed from our prospective and didn't try to represent the Digital Library projects. Rather, he represented the infrastructure projects. There is a little mix and it is not comprehensive.

UCSD – Declan will capture this in his paragraph to SOPAG.

UCI – Is it important to put completion dates? How old can completed projects be?

UCB – Completed projects should be deleted or moved to another list. It will get long if we don't move anything out.

UCSD – We did talk about completed list but we wanted to release something first. Not worried about dates. Once a PDF is generated we should list completed projects separately.

ACTION: LTAG will update statuses and continue editing the consolidated list for now. No objections to delete old ones. Declan will talk to Diane but will send to the LTAG first.

3. Shib Task Force Update

CDL – Making good progress. DLSTF is meeting every other week by phone. Second phase will be completed mid to late June. Second phase is drilling down on implementation. What the libraries would need to do as to negotiations with libraries and

identity management on campus. Hathi Trust access and full download services would only be available thru Shib authentication.

Part of the second phase is some fairly detailed conversations with UC-wide identity managers group. Checking whether the identity providers can meet with the in-common library group, regarding the best practices for Shib. Some version of this conversation will need to be ongoing.

UCSD – Practical examples. We are releasing first e-lib resource.

UCSC - Has anyone looked at Shib for easy proxy? Constantly having to search logs and look for things.

CDL – DLSTF took a close look. The easy proxy approach is highlighted in the in-commons libraries group best practices document. It outlines the conclusion. Easy proxy may work for some campuses but it is unlikely that DLSTF can recommend a system wide solution.

We occasionally get alerted that passwords have gotten out. When we get those alerts we forward them to the UCOP security officer who then gives a heads-up to the campus security office on the information technology side.

UCSC – We have a mirror of easy proxy running now. Waiting for campus to load Shib.

UCSD – Shibb would give you logs to see what's going on and to watch for foul behavior.

4. NGTS Phase II New Modes for Access Digitization Survey Request

UCM – Received four responses so far. Have a tight timeline. The reports are due end of July. Put together survey to get a sense of capacity across the system to handle various formats.

UCR – Of the four responses, were there any similarities? Terry submitted and wanted to make sure it includes the info that Emily

needs. As far as cost per unit we need a key example. If an example is provided we can do it faster.

UCB - Recharge rules are hectic so move away from that.

UCM – Is it possible to get responses from someone before next week? Happy to put up on the Wiki when it's all compiled. If you have equipment please specify. Include vendors as well.

ACTION: Emily will resend and include a sample of the cost per unit.

5. Mobile Web Access Efforts

UCSD – Campus has its own web interface. Libraries working within our Hannon Hill Content Management System to make it mobile. There is an ucsd.edu web application for the iPhone.

UCR – The Library web programmers are working on mobile web applications. Right now, the web app links to various mobile sites. We have developed a template to some of the Library's in-house apps, but they are not yet functional. The web app works well with iPhone and Android devices. <http://library.ucr.edu/m/> shows the in-house template.

UCSF – Just put up on m.ucsf.edu. Blackberry, Android and iPhone.

UCI - Medical library group has a pilot project. Depending on the results they will expand it to the libraries website.

CDL – Starting fairly large project. Got an intern and FTE trying to compile data as to how users are using mobile devices to access library information. Simultaneously, the CDL is doing the same. A web production team is trying to convert the CDL pages. Checking into the labor/cost involved with doing it on their own versus someone else doing it.

UCB – Did webinar but is still investigating.

UCM – Investigating and doing a mobile friendly version of the site first.

UCI – Raw HTML.

UCSC – Drupled down libraries website.

6. Room Reservation Solutions

UCSD – What are people doing/using for study room reservations?

UCR – Has programmed our own room reservation system. When Library hours change the programmers have to remember to apply it to the system. The program allows for reserving study rooms in the Science and Rivera Libraries. There are no rooms to reserve in the Media and Music libraries.

UCSC – Using an open source web based resource on a recycled server for about 6 months now. Works well but can't seem to get changes to work in new release.

UCB – Using an open source program called phpScheduleIt for about 1.5 years.

UCM – Uses phpScheduleIt.

UCSD – Can it handle rooms within multiple locations?

UCR – Yes it can, we only allow reservations in Orbach (Science) and Rivera Libraries.

UCSC – Using Meeting Room Business Scheduling (MRBS)

UCOP – Meeting Room Manager software provided by NetSimplicity.com

UCLA – Uses Meeting Room Manager (MRM) as well. We will possibly replace this with something else. Not happy with MRM.

UCLA – MRM has functional issues.

UCSF - No system at this time.

7. New VDX Client coming for ILL staff

CDL – Staff using web or windows client to get access to central service. VDX upgrade is coming mid June and will run for about a month. The production version will come at the end of August. Windows client will need to be installed when pro version is completed. The Oracle portion of the client interaction is not changing. John will send a summary to the group about this.

UCSF - How does this fit in with Ariel?

CDL - Not sure. Upgrade is simply for completing VDX interactions. Will ask them to include any information in the note they send out.

8. What tools have been deployed for digital repositories at the campuses?

UCSF - Finding out what other campuses are using for repositories. DSpace, Content DM. We would like to have something generic that can be shared and used in multiple cores. Doing a pilot with Omeka

UCSD – Digital Asset Management System (DAMS) holds just about anything. Also looked at DSpace and Fedora.

Take a look at spreadsheet row #32. Go in and sketch what you have to give us an overview of what everybody else has. In August Declan is helping with a Curation Camp for data curation and digital objects. It's getting there and he will announce when it's ready.

UCSC – Been asked to lead a campus wide team to evaluate how digital assets are created and stored. Biggest frustration campus wide is them not caring so much about meta-data.

CDL - Declan sent communication about the Digital Library Task Force report and asked for comment.

UCSD - Declan will talk to Diane Bisom next week as LTAG's response to DLSTF?

CDL – Will take a look at it and if anyone thinks it needs a technology perspective anyone can jump on.

Future Agenda Items

- More discussion regarding Mobile Web Access Efforts

Adjournment

- Declan Fleming adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm
- Minutes submitted by: Michelle Harris, Administrative Assistant – UCSD Libraries
- Minutes approved by: Declan Fleming, IT Department Head, LTAG Chair – UCSD Libraries