Resource Sharing Committee (RSC) Telephone Conference Call

Thursday, July 21, 2005

1:30-3:30pm

1. Minutes

The April 21, 2005 minutes were approved.

2. RSC Goals and Objectives/Annual Report for 2004/05

Nichols' deadline for submitting the RSC annual report is early September. She will update 2003/04 goals and objectives and send out a draft to RSC members. Heath will provide an updated timeline for each campus's implementation of VDX.

3. Bibliographic Services Task Force (BSTF)

SOPAG has charged the Bibliographic Services Task Force with surveying bibliographic services to determine how users access and use information and to recommend which opportunities for change should be pursued. The task force is asking system-wide groups to consider three questions:

What major shortcomings do you see in the current bibliographic services and systems you use in doing your work and in serving your users?

What would you consider the most important new capabilities for UC bibliographic services in responding to user needs in the future?

Do you have any user studies or other data documenting unmet user needs?

Kautzman, a task force member, asked RSC members to think about these questions within the framework of resource sharing shortcomings. Forte will compile ideas from RSC members and draft a response. Nichols will contact Kautzman to obtain BSTF Powerpoint presentation and selected readings to inform our thinking on the subject.

4. Sharing Media Collections Report

Forte summarized campus surveys about willingness to lend media and recognition of common concerns (e.g. loss or damage of expensive items). RSC members offered several suggestions to add to the report:

Address audio formats more specifically and include other options for lending or making these formats available such as CDL and UC contract negotiations with digital media providers

Bullet report recommendations to make them more visible

Express concern for copyright restrictions more explicitly

Emphasize the inherent cultural shift in lending expensive or rare materials and the need for direction/support at the senior management level if campuses are expected to provide this service

Forte and Dearie will incorporate these new changes and resend the report for final review by July 31 so it can be forwarded to Susan Starr, RSC SOPAG representative to take to SOPAG for discussion.

5. Special Collections Report

Nichols highlighted a few items within the report that will require follow-up by specific groups (IAG: revision of special collections form and intercampus ILL code; special collections staff: identification of secure delivery mechanisms; UL's: address perception issues of the status and implementation of the service by communicating support more directly). Nichols will send out a final draft of the report.

6. Reserves Blocking Update

Rubens reported on the proposal to block requests from users to borrow items via ILL when their home campus copy is on reserve. IAG was asked to gather data on the number of requests received. Because data gathering was labor-intensive, only four campuses submitted information. Some RSC members noted that filling these requests may take longer as popular titles can be on reserve at other institutions as well. CDL has estimated 40 hours of programming time to block these requests. Rubens will work with IAG to draft final recommendations using the available data, including a statement about service impacts.

7. Housekeeping

The in-person fall meeting has been scheduled for October 20, 10-3. Conference calls have been scheduled for January 26, 2006 and April 20, 2006, 1:30-3:30.

8. UCOP Update

Lawrence announced that there are no new copyright developments and no word from AAP since their challenge of UC electronic reserves practices. University Librarians Brian Schottlaender and Gary Strong will be participating in a U.S. Copyright Office sponsored roundtable discussion at Berkeley on orphan works. Legislation may be proposed to allow libraries to make copies of orphan works after demonstrating due diligence.

The passage and signing of the recent State budget provides the University with a basic maintenance budget that allows for enrollment of an additional 5,000 students and includes range and merit increases for faculty and staff. While libraries stand to benefit from the increases provided for program

maintenance (subject to the allocation decisions of the respective Chancellors), there will be no budget increases specifically targeted for libraries until two budgets from now when there may be some restoration of system-wide resource sharing cuts.

9. CAG Update

There was no CAG update.

10. IAG Update

Rubens reported on IAG activities. Agendas at the annual southern and northern campus ILL meetings were primarily VDX-oriented. Terri Mason (UCSF) has taken another position but will remain as IAG chair through October at which time Denise Swatsky (UCM) will become the new chair. The OCLC ISO problem was a topic of the most recent conference call. IAG members will be working on the VDX retention policy, updating ILL record retention policies for UCOP, and recommending interlibrary loan best practices on VDX. Ariel 4.1 is available and has been installed at some campuses. The paperwork for the Copyright Clearance Center's consortial discount has not been completed.