Council of University Librarians May 17, 2013

Meeting Decisions

1. Approval of Consent Agenda (Steel)

Mass Dig and POT 1 Final Report are approved.

2. UC Library Reprints Issue

Current approaches to gov docs as well as public domain titles on sensitive subjects are not being changed. However, Laine and Heather will draft a sentence that would make it clearer to users of this service that gov docs can be consulted without charge in a variety of ways.

4. UC Advisory Structure.

CoUL approved list, with changes from UCI.

Ginny will be the liaison to the coordinating committee.

Project manager appointments are running into difficulties because of too few hands on deck at some campuses. CoUL needs to address.

5. Shared Print Strategic Thinking (Emily and Ivy joining the call)

In CoUL's view we must develop and maintain print collections rather than manage a decline of physical monographs. Other examples cited of the need to tighten up language, e.g. to avoid the impression that there will be mandates. We are about enabling choices and building collaborations. Cost discussion should stress efficiency, not cost reduction for its own sake. We must say why we need a collection of record -- linkage to teaching, learning, and research. Remind our public that monographs are part of a long-term investment. Access for users might be pumped up as a goal.

Are there barriers to access to the physical monograph that we could remove and find increased circulation, circulation that would trigger new revenues? How does ILL fit in here?

A consensus that these big challenges should be tackled at the June meeting in a more structured discussion.

Action: CoUL will define the questions that have priority at the June meeting.

6. UC Open Access Policy

CDL is doing due diligence on finding a harvesting utility and has found that there are at least two vendors and believes an RFP is the next step.

7. Social Networks & Archival Context

Laine told us of forthcoming conversations around the (SNAC) initiative. She will report back from a meeting in Washington. Tom referenced the work of an ARL committee chaired by Tom Hickerson, Transforming Special Collections in the Digital Age Working Group (Leonard a member) and with Lisa R. Carter, Visiting Program Officer. They are not tackling finding aids, an indication of how crowded the field is.

8. Merritt Pricing Proposal (Stephen Abrams joining the call)

Action: Approved

10. HathiTrust Update

Laine and Brian reported on growing pains, but the appointments to committees and scope of new ventures, e.g. deposit of non-Hathi materials, research center, remain positive.

11. Center for Scholarly Communication

Laine was encouraged to go forward with her idea, mindful that it will remain difficult to find the level of coordination that is realistic, given the staff who can attend to this challenge.

12. SLAISIAC preview

Ginny and Karen agreed to serve if asked through the appropriate channel.

13. Online Education deferred until the June meeting

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