UC Next Generation Technical Services
Unique Collections Team
August 21, 2009

The team has held 3 meetings by conference call: July 7, August 4, August 18.

Activities:
We are planning a survey to gather information about technical services practices in UC
Special Collections and Archives units. Team members spent several weeks drafting the
survey and it is now finalized. It will be sent to the UC Heads of Special Collections, to
each UC "Contributing Institution" on the Online Archive of California, and to other UC
Special Collections that we can identify. (We will ask the Heads of Special Collections
about other affiliated Special Collections units; additionally, a team member is putting
together a list of smaller special collections units.)

Adrian Turner supplied data from several recent CDL surveys of UC Archives & Special
Collections units:
  • SOPAG Ad Hoc Digital Library Services Task Force digital project survey
  • CDL OAC contributor needs survey
  • CDL digital asset management tools survey
  • CDL mass digitization survey
  • UC Shared Images 2008-2009 fact sheet

The team will look at the CDL data and data from our survey to identify successful
strategies, potential areas for collaboration, and areas of need. We will attempt to
identify strategies and projects that can be undertaken in the near future as well as in the
long term.

Team members are drafting a second survey to gather information about technical
services practices pertaining to image-based collections, to be sent to curators of pictorial
collections and specialized image repositories (such as visual resource centers within the
campus library system).

We are also beginning to conduct data gathering (initially with the CDL Digital
Preservation Program) on technical services workflows pertaining to electronic theses
and dissertations and hope to have something to report on this next month.

We are in the process of identifying stakeholders to gather information about workflows
pertaining to UC scholarly outputs (e.g., destined for the eScholarship Repository or local
campus institutional repositories). One important group will be the Scholarly
Communications Officers.