

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

The team continues to hold conference calls twice a month. Updates on areas of our charge are below.

Special Collections/Archives: The survey of Special Collections units was conducted October 5 – 16. It was sent to the UC Heads of Special Collections, UC contributors to the OAC, and to affiliate libraries. We will be analyzing the data from the survey over the next few weeks, in time to make the phase 1 report deadline of November 13.

Images: The survey of pictorial collections and image repositories is being conducted October 19 – 26. It is being sent to the same survey audience as the Special Collections survey, plus several additional individuals identified as curators of visual resource collections (those that participate in UC Shared Images).

UC Scholarship: The team chair has been in contact with the co-chairs of the Scholarly Communications Officers to discuss the questions about workflows pertaining to UC scholarly outputs (e.g., destined for the eScholarship Repository or local campus institutional repositories). It was decided to address these questions to both the SCOs and to the E-Scholarship Liaisons (for some campuses, this is the same person) in order to get the widest coverage possible. The questions went out the week of October 19, with a response deadline of October 26.

Theses & Dissertations: This was identified as an area for possible collaboration with Team 4 – specifically, the issues surrounding ETDs. Team 3 has gathered data (from the CDL Digital Preservation Program and from some campuses) on technical services workflows pertaining to electronic theses and dissertations. Common themes that emerge from this data will be included in our phase 1 report.

The team will be working toward preparing the phase 1 report, to be submitted by November 13.