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RE: Coordination among SOPAG, CDC, and NGTS re 21st Century collection services

*Next Generation Technical Services – Next Steps*¹, endorsed by the University Librarians, 24 February 2010, specified the following action:

Coordinate NGTS activities with the work of SOPAG and the Collection Development Committee in developing strategies for re-visioning collection development for the 21st century. Ensure that all forms of digital materials are included.

Background

Among the outcomes of NGTS Phase 1 assessment, both NGTS Team 3 (UC Unique Collections) and NGTS Team 4 (21st Century Emerging Resources) identified the need for specific policy guidance for the acquisition, management, preservation, and provision of access **for all digital materials**. Such policy would include digital materials that are currently managed within special collections, archives, digital assets, and mainstream collections regardless of source, including licensed materials, digital documents, web sites, data sets, CD-ROMs, e-books, and other unique and possibly transitory digital information.

CDC has done considerable work in re-visioning collection development, management, and services and is continuing that work with a presumable outcome of a comprehensive collection development policy for the University of California Library Collection.² Logically such comprehensive policy would incorporate all manner of information resources regardless of format or source, **i.e., digital materials would be included**. Clearly, it would be counterproductive to start a separate initiative under the auspices of NGTS, even if special attention were given to coordination.

¹ <http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/about/uls/ngts/docs/NGTSNextSteps100216rev100224.pdf>

² “The University of California Library Collection: Content for the 21st Century and Beyond.” Endorsed by University Librarians July 2009.
http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/cdc/uc_collection_concept_paper_endorsed_ULs_2009.08.13.pdf

Proposed action

With the broader context of ongoing CDC work in mind, NGTS will focus on redefining workflows for acquisition, description, and the life-cycle management for digital materials. We will pay special attention to the CDC process and will develop specific strategies in support of the CDC outcomes.

The NGTS Executive and Steering Teams will track relevant CDC activities and will facilitate NGTS support and action as needed. We actively ask SOPAG and CDC to partner with us on this process and to call for NGTS input, support, and participation at any time. Formal communication can be direct to Bruce Miller or to Martha Hruska. Jim Dooley is a member of both CDC and NGTS Steering Team and will serve as liaison for NGTS.

Related issue

In the detailed discussions throughout NGTS Phase 1 and in the recent NGTS planning retreat, it has been apparent that the boundary between collection development and technical services is becoming more and more arbitrary. It is further apparent that coordination between the two groups is increasingly important. We have observed the emergence of a merged organizational model, both within UC and elsewhere, that combines collection development and technical services into the single function of collection services. NGTS planners propose that SOPAG, CDC, and HOTS explore the pros and cons of combining CDC and HOTS to create an All Campus Group in support of collection services for the 21st Century.