

Resource Sharing Committee (RSC) Minutes

Conference Call

January 18, 2007

Present: Eric Forte (UCSB, Chair), Charlotte Rubens (UCB), Linda Kennedy (UCD), Collette Ford (UCI), Don Sloane (UCLA), Eric Scott (UCM), Janet Moores (UCR, recorder), Sarah Troy (UCSC), Marlayna Christensen (UCSD), Aleta Asbury (UCSF), Scott Miller (NRLF), Colleen Carlton (SRLF), Sherry Willhite (CDL), Lisa Mix (LAUC)

1. SOPAG/VDX Lessons Learned Meeting

The group discussed issues which arose from the SOPAG/VDX Lessons Learned Meeting. The facilitator Mary Beth Baker is compiling a summary of the issues discussed and will send this report to Susan Starr.

[Note: This report is now available on the RSC home page as VDX “Lessons Learned” Meeting Report (Jan. 9, 2007) and also available on the VDX Implementation page.]

2. VDX Team next incarnation

The committee will recommend to SOPAG that the VDX Task Force continue until a new mechanism for VDX oversight is identified. For the new mechanism, RSC recommended to SOPAG that the current, largely dormant PIR Request Team (a CDL group) be expanded to include VDX issues. Sherry Willhite revised the Request Liaisons charge so that the ILL Liaison is drawn from a public services position and is the primary communicator for most Request related issues and the Technical Liaison is drawn from the ILL operational staff with VDX experience.”

[Note: As requested by the committee, Sherry Willhite has rewritten the Request Liaisons charge to encompass the VDX Task Force (refer to Sherry’s email of January 23) and this has now been forwarded to SOPAG.

3. Direct Lending with CSUs update

The group discussed some of the issues involved with implementing direct lending to the CSUs, such as load leveling and routing requests to only those libraries which own and can supply the requested item. CDL will be talking to the representative from the CSU System about how best to proceed from here.

4. Tricor update

Eric Forte, Marlayna Christensen and Sarah Troy were charged at the October 2006 meeting to look at the Tricor contract to see whether it is in the best interests of the UCs to renegotiate a new one or not, possibly incorporating service with the CSUs. Not much has been done yet on this task

5. CAG Report

Agendas are being planned for the CAG and CIRC Heads Meetings on March 28th and 29th.

6. IAG Report

Minutes are up on the web. UCSD is looking at alternatives to Ariel. There was some discussion about using Odyssey for DDS, however the free version does not look acceptable based on tests between UCSD and UCSB. IAG may explore the more functional version of Odyssey that comes as part of the Iliad ILL package. The preferred option is to have VDX develop a DDS system. Specs have been sent to OCLC Pica.

7. CDL/VDX Report

We will be upgrading to VDX 3.1, which is NCIP compliant. The upgrade should improve the way media and special formats are handled.

Melvyl Request will soon allow patrons to override requests that are blocked because Request believes that the item is owned locally. This is largely aimed to address instances where Request is unable to identify that a particular volume is not actually owned, or is otherwise unavailable, and so blocks the request. Each campus can decide whether they want to implement this feature. If the feature is turned on the campus can decide whether to route requests to the review file or to directly produce them.

VDX web statistics are being improved to make data manipulation easier for the campuses.

8. Miscellaneous

Linda Kennedy expressed concern that the proposed revision of the SFX window display has the Request button located far down on the second page where it is not readily apparent to the user. It was agreed that any such concerns with the SFX proposed revision should be addressed to campus HOPS representatives.